### Fighting exapts at Zagreb airport

BELGRADE (R) — Fighting erupted between the Yugoslav army and rebel Croatism forces at Zagreb sirport on Saturday after a Ugandan sidiace carrying a weapons shipment was forced to lend there, Belgrade television said. The international sirport was closed after Croatism police television said. The international sirport was closed after Croatian police also attacked its traffic control centre, the report added. Tanjug news agency said Croatian forces had occupied all approaches to the airport southeast of the breakaway republic's capital. Tanjug's account said the Croatians attacked the military sector of the airport and fired mortars in an attempt to destroy the Boeing 707 owned by Uganda Airlines. A Croatian spokesman asid a police can was hit and set on fire during the fighting and it was thought casualties occurred. The Boeing was under federal grand after being forced to land by the Yagoslav air force during a flight from Uganda to the Yagoslav republic of Slovenia, which declared its independence at the same time as Croatia on June 25. Tanjug said the aircraft was carrying 19 tonnes of weaths including rifles and rifle-lamethed grenades. A Tupolev 154 belowing to the Romanian Airline Tarom and carrying 20 passengers was so forced to land at Zagreb airport Saturday. (See page 2 for carlie stary). 79321 An independent Arab political daily published by the serian Press Foundation جوردان تايمز يومية سيالية تصدر والتحكيرية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الرحيقة الراي،

Moscow: No Soviet anclear arms in Germany

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet Defence Minister Yevgeny Shaposhnikov said Saturday all Soviet maclear weapons had now been withdrawn from Eastern Germany, TASS news agency said. TASS said Mr. Shaposhnikov, appointed after last week's failed coup against President Mikhail Gorbachev, told the German ambassador in the Kremlin that Soviet troops in the former communist East German state had never had chemical arms. The Soviet military leader utambiguously declared! At this point there is not a single Soviet muclear weapon on German territory," TASS said. Moscow intimated last year that all auclear arms had been taken away from the then 380,000-strong Soviet force, which is due to withdraw from German soil by the end of 1993. But earlier this year a Soviet official said not all nuclear weapons had been pulled out.

Moscow's nuclear arsenal became a matter of concern during the August coup when President Gorbachev was apparently deprived of control over the command system. Despite arguments to the contrary by some Soviet military leaders, Western experts suspect Moscow's arsenal was effectively under the control of the hardline emergency committee that seized control for three days.

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### **Kuwait deports** 217 Arabs

AMMAN (Petra) — The Kuwaiti authorities Saturday deported 217 Arab nationals, including 35 Jordanians, according to the Iraqi News Agency. The agency said the International Committee of the Red Cross received the deportees who also included Iraqis, Yemenis and Arabs without nationality.

### U.N. chemical weapons team arrives in iraq

BAGHDAD (R) — A team of U.N. inspectors arrived in Baghdad Saturday to examine Iraq's chemical weapons capability and prepare for its destruction under the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire. The 12-man team, led by American James Knapp, declined to comment to reporters before meeting officials. The team, expected to stay in Iraq about a week, is the third of its kind to visit the country under the ceasefire agreement, which orders Baghdad to declare and destroy all its weapons of mass destruction. Teams have also made visits to hunt for nuclear and biological weapons and ballistic missiles.

### **Kuwaitis to Inspect** planes in Iran

NICOSIA (R) — A Kuwait Airways technical team flew to Tehran Saturday to examine six Knwaiti Airbus planes seized by Iraq and later flown to Iran during the Gulf war, the Oman News Agency said. The agency said the team would spend several days checking the condition of the aircraft, which Iran has promised to return.

### De Gaulle's war minister dies

PARIS (R) - Pierre Guillaumat, war minister under the late Presi-dent Charles de Gaulle and subrister under the late Presisequently founder of the French oil company ELF-Aquitaine, has died, his family said. He was 82. Mr. Guillaumat, who died Wednesday, was decorated for his role in the French resistance during World War II and went on to serve as Mr. De Gaulle's war minister from 1958-1960. Mr. Guillaumat went on to head several major companies, proving himself to be a rigorous and demanding manager. Finally, he founded ELF Aquitaine in 1965 and served as its chairman for 12 years. ELF, one of France's leading companies, is now under state

### Egypt arrests bombmaking group

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian police Saturday accested seven Muslim fundamentalist bomb-makers after one accidentally blew himself up, an Interior Ministry official said. "The seven were arrested after a bomb blew up in a field and one of them was taken to hospital with severe injuries," the official said. The Middle East News Agency said hospital doctows in the casis town of Favvour told police that Aid Abdul Tuwab Tawing, a 30-year-old peasant, was being treated for blast injuries. After interrogating Mr. Tawing, police arrested six others who used his field to make bombs and petrol bombs, the agency said. Mr. Tawlig's condition was not immediately known. Fayyoum, 105 kilometres south of Cairo, is a centre for Muslim fundamentalist groups.

### **Maior dresses** to bore'

LONDON (R) — British Prime Minister John Major received a vote of no confidence Sunday from fashion experts who said he dressed like an old man. "There's certainly nothing prime about his clothes," menswear retailers in the British Shops and Stores. Association said in a statement. "His clothes are a complete bore and it's a wonder he didn't keep his suit on to go fishing with (U.S.) President (George) Bush this week." The 1,500 retailers said Mr. Major, 48, who favours sober grey suits, set an appalling fashion example. They voted world middleweight boxing Champion Chris Bubank Britain's best-dressed man.

## Central Asian republics

join independence spree Combined agency despatches

UZBEKISTAN AND KIRGI-ZIA declared independence on Saturday, raising to 10 the num-ber of republics that have de-clared themselves to be no longer bound by Soviet authority.
In Lithuania and Latvia, the elite Soviet "Black Beret" troops began withdrawing.

Two weeks after the Aug. 18-21 coup against Mikhail S. Gorbachev began, the Soveit Union has seen an upheaval unmatched since the Bolshevik revolution of

— Communist Party hardliners deposed Mr. Gorbachev only to falter three days later;

— Russian Federation Presi-

dent Boris Yeltsin's authority grew tremendously as he stood up to the leaders of the putsch; - Mr. Gorbachev quit as leader of the party because of its deep involvement in the coup, and party activities were shut down

 The republics took advantage of the disorder to assert their

The Supreme Soviet legislature Saturday created a parliamentary commission to investigate the circumstances and reasons for the

coup.

The winds of political change swept Saturday into the conservative republics of Central Asia, where legislatures of Uzbekistan' and Kirgizia convened in emergency sessions and declared

And Tadzhikistan President Kakhar Makhkamov resigned Saturday after the legislature passed a vote of no-confidence in him for not vigorously opposing the coup. According to TASS, 124 of the 172 deputies voted for him to step down.

A new president will be elected Oct. 27, but the news agency did not say whether it will be a popular election or a vote in the

In a further slap at Kremlin authority, lawmakers also voted to change the official name of the republic from the "Tadzhik Soviet Socialist Republic" to simply, "the Republic of Tadzhi-

Tadzhikistan borders Uzbekistan and Kirgizia, which them-selves border Afghanistan and

At the parliament session in Taskhkent, Uzbek President Islam Karimov, emphasised that Uzbekistan is not categorically rejecting the union treaty — the document Mr. Gorbachev had hoped would bind the country together — but it must establish a nfederation of sovereign states. Mr. Karimov warned a resur-

ler republics. He noted the role that Mr. Yeltsin and other Russian leaders played in climinating the coup. Nevertheless, we think it gives them no grounds for claiming a leading position in the un-

ion, placing themselves above other republics," Interfax quoted

gent Russia not to bully the smal-

him as saying. "The leadership of Uzbekistan will never agree to a secondary role.

Mr. Yeltsin Friday signed up Kazakhstan and turned to the Baltics in his bid to form an economic-military alliance among seceding republics. On Thursday, he struck a similar treaty with the

Ten of the 15 republics have now declared independence including eight since last week's failed coup. They are Uzbekistan, Kirgizia, Azerbaijan, the Ukraine, Georgia, Moldavia and Byelorussia, and the Baltic republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

The pullout of commando units of the Soviet interior ministry troops known as the "Black Berets" began Saturday in Lithuania and Latvia.

A convoy of 14 vehicles snaked out of a military base near the Latvian capital of Riga. Many of the 160-man force and some of their families had been staying inside the base, fearing reprisals since the failure of the coup.

The first 47 of 84 commandos left the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, said parliamentary spokes-man Audrius Azubalis. The rest were expected to be gone by

The pullout occurred after explosions and shooting were heard inside the Soviet military base where the commandos were garrisoned, but there were no re-

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## U.N. team to probe **Bubiyan incident**

KUWAIT CITY (Agencies) - Wednesday that 80 Iraqis backed The U.N. Iraq-Krwait Observer by naval vessels had landed on Mission (UNIKOM) Saturday Buhiyau, long claimed by Baghformed a three-man committee to dad. investigate a shootout on It said its coastguard and air Bubiyan Island involving Kuwaiti troops and alleged Iraqi infiltrators, a UNIKOM spokesman

He said UNIKOM commander Major General Gunther Grindl picked high-ranking Irish, U.S. and Indian officers for the task after talks with Iraq's naval com-mander and Kuwaiti officials carlier in the day.
"UNIKOM has been given the

full cooperation of both parties," said the spokesman. "The observers can go anywhere and interview anybody, including prisoners should there be any."

"Our investigation is going to be detailed and thorough," added the spokesman. Gen. Grindl cut short a work-

ing trip to Iraq, where UNIKOM has a liason office, to investigate Wednesday's incident. He inspected Bubiyan and then conficred with the Iragis.

Kuwait complained to the United Nations Security Council on

force destroyed vessels while the other fled and more than 40 Iraqis were arrested. Western security sources in

Kuwait said coastguards stopped five fishing boats and found they were carrying ammunition from the island left over from the Gulf

They said gunboats and speed-boats tried to cover the fishing vessels' retreat but the Kuwaiti air force engaged the gunboats and at least one was sunk. UNIKOM patrols the demilitarised zone along the Kuwait-Iraq

border but has no observation posts on Bubiya Britain called the incident the most serious violation so far of the Gulf war ceasefire. The United States said Friday it had also protested at the incursion, calling

part of a pattern of Iraqi efire violations. A State Department spokes-

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## 2 prominent Shiites quit Hrawi's cabinet

NABATIYEH, Lebanon (Agencies) — Two prominent Shifte Muslim ministers resigned from Lebanon's national unity government Saturday, delaying a blow to President Elias Hrawi's nation-

al reconciliation drive. State Minister Nabih Berri told an estimated 20,000 supporters in this southern market town that he and Housing Minister Mohammad Baydoun were quitting.

Shiite leaders have denounced the government for sending a delegation led by Prime Minister Omer Kerami to the inauguration of a huge water project in Libya. One of their spiritual leaders disappeared in Libya 13 years

Mr. Berri heads the pro-Syrian Shirte Amal militia. Mr. Baydoon is a senior member of the group's leadership.

mad Baydoun. We are not part of ment is not part of us," Mr. Berri for "violating Lebanon's dignity

"We are not willing to be false witnesses in this government," he

added. "We announce our resignation... they have wasted the case of Imam Sadr." Shiite religious leader Imam

Musa Sadr disappeared in August 1978 while visiting Libya at the invitation of its leader Muammar Oadhafi.

Libya said Imam Sadr had left for Italy, but the Italian authorities said he had never arrived. Amal accuses Libya of holding Imam Sadr for undeclared

There are four other Shifte ministers in Mr. Hrawi's cabinet. If they also resigned it would strip the government of Shifte backing. The 1.2 million Shiftes are the largest sect in Lebanon which has

a population of four million. Mr. Hrawi formed the 30-man half Muslim-half Christian government under Mr. Karami on "I announce in the name of Dec. 24 with the declared objec-Amai movement, in my name tive of ending 16 years of civil war and the name of brother Moham-that has claimed 150,000 lives. Mr. Berri announced Thursday this government and this govern- that he would boycott the cabinet and insulting Muslim emotions

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## Hizbollah: U.S. not responding

said Saturday the United States was not responding to efforts to swap Western hostages in Lebanon and missing Israeli servicemen for Arabs held by Israel. "The Americans are not re-

sponding. They are not exerting pressure on the Israelis," Hussein Musawi said upon returning from a 10-day visit to Iran. Ahmad Jibril, a Palestinian

guerrilla leader, also said the proposed swap was facing obstacles, but blamed them on farael (see page 2). Mr. Musawi, and Hizbollah

secretary-general Sheikh Abbas Musawi returned from Iran Pri-A Hizbollah statement said

they discussed with Iranian officials, including President Hashemi Rafsanjani, Middle East peace moves and "efforts by the United States to impose hegemony on the region."

Mr. Musawi, reached by telephone at his headquarters in east Lebanon's ancient city of Baalbek, said the hostage issue was "not on our agenda in Iran." However, he stressed that he "heard from Iranian officials that they are very interested in resolving the issue of the hostages and

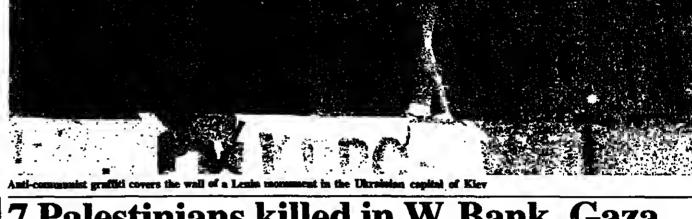
"The Islamic Republic wants a solution for this issue that preserves the rights and interests of the Muslims, but the Americans are not responding. They are not exerting pressure on the Israelis," Mr. Musawi said.

"Everyone is interested in a solution, but the Americans should first realise and recognise that Muslims are human beings. We have Lebanese, Syrian, Iranian and Palestinian hostages. The Americans should understand that they are humans too and their fate should be re-

solved," Mr. Musawi added. Islamic Jihad, which holds two American hostages, asked U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Aug. 8 to mediate a swap involving the Western hos-tages, Arabs held by Israel and the missing Israeli servicemen.

Whether Mr. Perez de Cuellar might succeed, Mr. Musawi said "all depends on the Americans' response. They should view all the hostages equally. The Westerners are humans and so are our

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## 7 Palestinians killed in W.Bank, Gaza

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Six Palestinian men and a woman were killed in the Israeli-occupied territories, military and Palestinain sources

An explosion killed four Palestinians in the West Bank, two men were found shot dead in Geza City, and an Israeli soldier shot dead a woman who stabbed him in the Gaza Strip's Rafah

Palestinian sources said the four who died in Friday night's tlast, next to an Israeli army training camp east of Nablus, may have been blown up by bombs left behind after military

They also said the men may have been making a bomb to attack Israeli targets. Two other Palestinians were wounded.

"Sometimes soldiers who conduct exercises in the region leave behind something and shepherds or farmers step on the object and are injured, a Palestinian said. Several people had been killed over the years in such incidents, he added.

The explosion went off near the village of Khirbat Al Akrabanich, east of Nablus, immediately killing two men. Two others died of their wounds Saturday, the

The victims were identified as

Mazouz Balouneh, 27; Faisal Balouneh, 28; Naim Balouneh, 18: and Khaled Ramadan, 25. Palestinian reporters noted that three children have been killed in the area east of Nablus

since 1988 while playing with explosives apparently left behind after army exercises. On Tuesday, two children from Khirbat Al Akrabanieh were wounded in the face by such explosives, Palestinian reports said.

army and Palestinian reporters area and began an investigation.
In the Gaza Strip, an Israeli soldier shot dead a 25-year-old Palestinian woman who stabbed him in the face at the Israeli "civil administration" building in

Palestinians said Fawziyeh Hassan Abu Jazar apparently attacked the soldier in an act of revenge. They said Israeli troops had killed one of her brothers and wounded another and a sister since March 1989. The bodies of two Palestinians

were found \*unped in a Gaza City street aturday morning. Palestinians said they had been

In an interview with Cairo's

published Saturday, Mr. Mubar-

ak commented on his surprise

meeting in Libya last Wednesday

Ang. 10 of last year when an Arab summit was held in Cairo to

discuss Iraq's invasion of Kuwait

of Arab states in condemning the

invasion and approving Arab and

Egypt then Joined the majority

It was their first meeting since

with Mr. Arafat.

eight days earlier.

## Mystery surrounds BEIRUT (AP) — A senior official of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah anti-Garang revolt

KHARTOUM (Agencies) Mystery on Saturday shrouded the fate of southern Sudanese rebel leader John Garang, who was reported to have been deposed by dissident commanders in his army.

A Khartoom newspaper reported that the three dissident rebel commanders who claimed Colonel Garang's overthrow this week have arrested him in southern Sodan.

But also Saturday in Nairobi, Kenya, Garang aides Justin Arop and Mario Muor denied that their leader had been ousted and said he was still in control of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

Mr. Arop and Mr. Muor said Col. Garang had sent them to Nairobi to refute the dissident

The Khartoum newspaper Al Sudan Al Hadieth, which is owned by the military government of Col. Omar Hassan Al Bashir, gave no source for its report about Col. Garang's arrest. A senior government official said Col. Garang's reported ous-

ter was the result of a power struggle within the rebel hierar-Commanders Rick Mashar Teny-Dhurgon, Lam Akol and Gordon Koang Chol said in a

statement issued Friday that Col. Garang had been removed. They accused him of a "reign of terror," forcible recruitment and human rights abuses.

The Sudan government said Saturday that the reported overthrow of Col. Garang would speed and end to the eight-year civil war between its impoverished north and south.

But Colonel Mohammad Al Amin Khalif, head of the peace process and foreign relations in the military junta, warned Col. Garang's successors not to attempt to secede from Khar-

The SPLA has been in disarray since the of athrow of its main backer, Ethic sian leader Mengistu Haile Manum, in May.

Col. Khalif, peaking on state radio, said reports Col. Garang had been topplet would accelerate recent peace moves.

He said the Khartoum government was committed to finding a peaceful solution to the war, which eats up at least half the

state budget and has virtually halted development in the south. The SPLA accuses the Khartoum government of trying to impose Islamic rule on the mainly Christian and animist south and

has fought for a secular Sudan. Mr. Mashar is known to favour the temporary separation of Sudan to bring about peace.

Many SPLA supporters say

they do not believe the south will ever get equal treatment with the north, especially since the current government, which leans towards Muslim fundamentalism, came to power in a coup two years ago. But Col. Khalif, a member of the ruling Revolution Command Council, said secession was un-

acceptable. The government says it wants federal rule and will not impose Islamic Sharia law on the south But southerners are deeply suspicious and fear they will get second class status.

Col. Khalif told the SPLA leaders not to assume that they spoke on behalf of the southern Sudanese, who comprise about nine million of the country's 26 million people.

The government says tens of thousands of SPLA supporters are defecting to the government, which is offering resettlement grants and retraining some fighters in its national army.

Col. Khalif said the government welcomed planned peace talks being organised by Nigerian head of state Ibrahim Babangida, current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

Western diplomats are pinning their bopes that Mr. Babangida will succeed where other mediators have failed. Nigeria put down a secessionist rebellion in Biafra in the 1960s but has managed to heal the wounds. they believe.

Mr. Mashar and Mr. Akol are engineers and former lecturers at the University of Khartoum. Both are in their early 40s. Mr. Mashar is a Nuer, the

second largest tribe in southern Sudan and a traditional rival of the Dinka, Col. Garang's tribe. The Dinka is the largest tribe in the south and one from which the

SPLA draws most of its support.

Mr. Akel is a Shulluk, a sm

### Israeli military sources said the army clamped a curfew on the shot in the head. Khaddam, Arafat meet,

agree to coordinate stands rian Vice-President Abdul Halim Mubarak says he will continue to Khaddam has held talks on Mid- work without letup for a settledle East peace with Palestine ment of the Palestinian problem Liberation Organisation (PLO) despite his differences with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, in the leaders on the Gulf crisis. highest-level meeting between afternoon newspaper Al Messa

the two sides since the Gulf war. Palestinian officials said Saturday the meeting took place in Libya Thursday on the sidelines of the inauguration of Libya's great Man-Made River.

A spokesman for the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said the PLO called for an urgent meeting with Syria, Egypt and Jordan to draw up a joint stand before next month's expected visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State lames Raker.

Mr. Baker is expected to visit the region in mid-September on his seventh tour since the end of the Gulf war in an effort to coax fat was unwelcome in Cairo. the Arabs and Israel to the conference table in October.

The PLO's relations with Syria have long been acrimonious be-cause of its support for rival Palestinian factions. The DFLP, represented in the Libya talks by its leader Nayef Hawatmeh, said Syria and the

their positions before the U.S.proposed peace talks. Syria plans to take part in the conference but the PLO wants guarantees from the United States before it commits itself to backing the conference, in which

it has no direct role. The PLO wants the right to name delegates to the conference including representatives from Arab East Jerusalem.

Israel refuses any contact with negotiators.

Western military intervention to end it. Mr. Arafat supported Iraq. As a result, Mr. Mubarak and state-owned newspaners repeatedly have said that Mr. Ara-"Yasser Arafat, who is an Arab citizen, asked to see me and I agreed for the sake of the

Arabs's top cause, the Palestinian

cause," Mr. Mubarak told Samir

Ragab, Al Messa's editor.

Arafat spoke at length and I listened to what he said on both the Gulf crisis and the (Middle East) peace process. I assured PLO had agreed to coordinate him that the Palestinian problem is our problem and that we will make every effort to solve it."

After the Gulf war ended last February, Mr. Mubarak said he would work for a Palestinian settlement despite the rift with Mr. Arafat. But this was his first post-crisis pledge to Mr. Arafat personally.

Egyptian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Mubarak relaxed his position on the PLO and rules out Palesti- seeing Mr. Arafat at the urging of nians from East Jerusalem as Libyan leader Muammar Qadha-

## Information Circular

## issued by the Latheran Evangelical Church Headquarter in Jordan

The Lutheran Evangelical Church Council (the executive committee) decided in its session No. 18/8 held on 18 June to refer the priest Nu'man Samir — head of the Good Shepherd (Al Rai'e Al Saleh) Lutheran Evangelical Church, located in Umm Al Summag in Amman, an affiliate of the Lutheran Evangelical Church in Jordan, to pension as of Oct. 1, 1991.

Bishop Naim Nassar Head of the Church Council and the Evangelical

Church in Jordan

Pakistan reports progress in

Afghan talks, Bhutto sceptical

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan doubted the triputate process. Saturday reported progress had begun last mount in chanider.

U.N. peace plan for Afghania could satisfy the victors parties

trying to exert influence.

"We want to please everyone but we can't please overyone she said of Pakistan's role in the

talks. She said a U.N. special

"I think the U.N. representa-tive can afford to displease any

At the first session of the tri-

partite talks in Islamabad last

month, Iran and most of the

guerrilla groups based in Pakistra

gave guarded approval to a plan

General Javier Perez de Cuella

amounced by U.N. Secretary.

The plan envisages a ceasefire

Mr. Zaki said the Tehran meet

ing decided to send a delegation

to the United Nations during the

next General Assembly session to

disense the plan with the

and an interim administration

leading to elections.

secretary-general.

representative should step in.

Saturday reported progress had been made in talks this week with

Iran and Afghan guertillas to-

wards a peace settlement in

"The process of the impartite cooperation has moved forward," Foreign Affairs Stretary-General Akram Zaki in reporters on return from the alks in

He said a declaration issued by

the Tehran meeting on Thursday

contained a signal that the guer-

rillas fighting the Soviet-backed government in Kabul were ready

for a "serious dialogue" with

"The recent developments in

the Soviet Union have created an

opportunity for peaceful solution

Opposition leader Benazir

Bhutto, however, called for the

United Nations to step in to find a

political solution to the 13-year

Ms. Bhutto told reporters she

of the Afghanistan question,

Tehran.

Moscow.

civil war.

Mr. Zaki said.

## Iraqi Kurds delay decision on autonomy, avert split

SHAQLAWA, Iraq (Agencies)
— Iraqi Kurdish leaders have averted a potential split between two big guerrilla factions by putting off a decision on a draft

autonomy accord with Baghdad. Deciding that unity is more important than actocomy, at least for the time being, the Iraqi Kurdistan Front reached a compromise on Friday after three days of talks.

Rather than pressing for a final decision and risk internal conflict, the front, composed of eight Kur-dish groups, chose to ask Baghdad to clarify key points in the autonomy document.

The Kurds also plan to consult Western leaders who mounted a big military relief operation to help Kurdish refugees after a failed rebellion against the Iraqi government in March.

After ganging the response from Baghdad and the West, they will submit the deal to Kurdish public opinion.

"We came out of the meeting united," said Jalal Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdis-

tan (PUK). To me that's the most important thing," he told Reuters in the northern Iraqi town of Shaqlawa,

venue for the talks. Massoud Barzani, leader of the Kordish Democratic Party (KDP), also maintained the outcome was satisfactory.

"We shall seek some clarifications from the government and a decision will follow soon," be said at his Sardawa headquarters.

"I am pleased. Unity has been

preserved and the final decision

will be the people's." Debate over the proposed and misery for its people. autonomy deal revealed serious differences between the PUK and

the KDP. Mr. Barzani supports the draft agreement while Mr. Talabani has raised numerous objections. The two men, whose factions dominate Iraqi Kurdish politics. have been rivals for many years.

Mr. Talahani initiated the antonomy negotiations with a surprise visit to Baghdad in April. Mr. Barzani led a Kurdish negotiating team which spent four months hammering out the

draft agreement in Baghdad. Kurdish officials met Friday to draft a letter to President Saddam Hussein, asking him to make clear the status of the oil-rich city of Kirkuk and other areas Kurds claim for their autonomous re-

The letter will also ask questions about internal security within the autonomous region and democratic reform in Iraq.

It will be delivered to Baghdad in the next few days and a reply is expected within two weeks, Kurdish sources said.

They said the decision to consult Western leaders rose out of a basic divergence between Mr. Barzani and Mr. Talabani over the depth and significance of foreign support for Iraqi Kurdis-

Mr. Barzani has stated repeatedly that the Kurds must resolve their own political future by dealing directly with Baghdad. He wants to grab the concessions Baghdad has offered rather than, He believes that while Western

relief for Kurdish refugees has been generous this year, future political and military support for a struggle against Iraq cannot be relied on. Mr. Talabani, who met British

and Turkish leaders earlier this month, says there is substantial Western support for the Kurds and he sees no reason to sign a flawed agreement with Baghdad so long as the Kurds can count on powerful friends abroad.

Both Mr. Barzani and Mr. Talabani are enthusiastic about putting any agreement to public opinion. Kurdish sources say the front will probably appoint a broadly representative national congress of up 1,000 members to

Western reporters said Mr. Talabani won a huge ovation from a rally attended by tens of thousands of Kurds in the city of Erbil Thursday when be attacked the government and proclaimed Kirkuk a Kurdish "Jerusalem" that would never be surren-

But one PUK member who was present discounted the popular applause for his leader's uncompromising stand.

"This is theatre, entertainment," he said. "People come, they applaud, they laugh, they cry. But they do not confuse this

Iraq assails Turkey Iraqi Foreign Minister Ahmad



Hussein Khudayer Friday criticised Turkey's military incursion in northern Iraq in pursuit of Turkish Kurdish guerrillas earlier this month.

Turkey has sent its troops into our territory without our permission. It is not right," Mr. Khudayer told reporters at Ataturk airport. Mr. Khudayer made a brief

stopover here on his way to a meeting of non-allied nations in

Turkish army staged a week-long military operation in northern Iraq to crack down on the Kurdish guerrilla camps. The illegal Kurdish Labour Party, PKK, has been waging a guerrilla war in southeastern Turkey to establish an independent Kurdis-

Mr. Khudayer denied news reports that the Iraqi government had been giving support to the PKK. "We have no ties with the PKK," be said.

Mr. Khudayer also criticised the deployment of a U.S.-led allied coalition force in southeastern Turkey to watch Baghdad's treatment of its own Kurds.



**Cypriots** 

return of

rejoice

stolen

mosaics

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Churchbells peeled in a traditional sign

of joy Friday as a Cyprus Airways

ca, bringing home ancient Chir-stian mosaics stolen after the 1974

island's spiritual leader, and hundreds

of clergymen mass and ordinary

citizens gathered at Larnaca air-

port to welcome the relics which

were flown in from the United

The four sixth century A.D.

"Kanakaria" mosaics depict Virgin Mary with the Child Jesus,

archangels and apostles. They are

considered unique by art histo-

The mosaics were taken to St.

John's Cathedral in Nicosia for a

special thanksgiving service, led

This is a wonderful occasion

as these mosaics are among our

most sacred possessions. I am

overjoyed by their return," the

black-robed archbishop declared. The mosaics were wrenched off

the walls of the Church of

Lythrangomi in Turkish-occupied

north Cyprus by robbers.

A Turkish antiquities merchant

later sold them for \$1.2 million to

American art dealer Peg Gold-berg, who in turn offered them for

sale to the Ghetty Museum in

The Church of Cyprus, howev-

er, blocked the sale by suing Mrs. Goldberg and seeking possession

of the stolen mosaics through the

Judge James Noland described the mosaics during the trial as

artifacts of unique religious, his-

He ruled that the church of

Cyprus had a "a superior and

enforceable claim, as well as valid

title to the mosaics," and ordered

Archbishop Chrysostomos in

his airport address expressed gra-

titude to the people of the United

States and its courts for the return

"We would have been happier

to see the same kind of justice

applied to Cyprus by the political

leadership of the United States,"

Christian churches and other

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Large parts of the mosaics are still missing but Cypriot officials regard the U.S. court decision as

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"The existence of foreign troops on the Turkish soil worries us. Because, we know that these troops are against iraq," he said.

### Britain to send planes

Britain said Friday it would send eight Jaguar fighter bombers to Turkey as part of an international coalition protecting Kurds in northern Iraq.

The planes will fly out next week to join U.S. and French aircraft at the Incirlik airbase in southeast Turkey near Iraq.

"The purpose of the deployment is to provide further reassurance to the people of northern Iraq and to maintain the coalition's ability to respond swiftly and effectively to any Iraqi bebaviour which may threaten local peace and security," Defence Secretary Tom King said in a

The combined air and land rapid reaction protection force is based in Turkey.

The force also contains troops from the United States, Britain, the Netherlands, Italy, Turkey

### NAIROBI (R) — Eritren's separatist rulers have said they will free 13 Westerners arrested earlier this month on a yacht off the

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

**Westerners held off Eritrean coast to be freed** 

Ethiopian Red Sea province's coast. "The provisional government of Eritrea decided to release them as an expression of goodwill, said a statement broadcast on the radio of the former rebel Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) Friday night. The radio said six Britons, six Italians and a U.S. national were arrested near the Dahlak Islands by the Eritrean navy on Aug. 9. "The foreigners were arrested because they were found in these waters without legal permission. Otherwise, the area is open to all tourists." the statement said. An official at a Western embassy said the EPLF administration had so far refused to let Addis Ababa-based diplomatic staff visit the detainees, and details of their condition were unknown. After a 30-year- fight for self-rule, EPLF guerrillas overran Eritrea in May just before dictator Mengisto Haile Mariam's government was ousted by another rebel group in Addis Ababa. The EPLF has refused to take part in a new transitional government in the capital and set up its own administration.

## Lebanese hashish seized in U.S.

BOSTON (R) - U.S. prosecutors said Friday they had seized more than three tonnes of high-grade Lebanese bashish worth at least \$100 million in one of the largest seizures of the drug in the United States. The charges allege that the shipment, primarily destined for Canada, involved bribes to several Syrian and ebanese government officials and at least one U.S. port official. Among eight people arrested were two lawyers who have been charged with laundering hundreds of thousands of dollars through banks on the Isle of Man and Austria. The 2,906 kilogrammes of hashish, grown in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, was seized on Aug. 9. The action was not made public until indictments could be obtained against 19 people, many of whom were arrested Friday. Wayne Budd, the top prosecutor in Boston, said the smuggling operation was hatched four years ago and almost immediately detected by U.S. law enforcement agencies. "Because of political instability in that part of the world, the enterprise was thwarted several times, Mr. Budd told a news conference. The alleged conspirators hid the hashish at the bottom of barrels filled with olives surrounded by hundreds of thousands of bottles of a Lebanese citrus drink and ig containers, hé said. The drugs left Lebanon on a Russian vessel, the G. Orbatov, which evidently was unaware of what it was carrying. The bashish was transferred to another ship in Spain and seized when the shipment arrived in Boston.

## Israel to absorb two million Jibril says Israel Soviets — Jewish leader Appeal issued to Yeltsin to permit exodus

campaigns of anti-Semitism," Mr. Steinberg said. He said the last case was in

Argentina "during the govern-ment of the generals," from 1976

Appeal to Yeltsin

A Jewish representative appealed Russian President Boris Yeltsin Friday to allow all "re-

fuseniks" to leave the Russian

Union for Progressive Judaism urged "Boris the bold" to sign a

decree to grant emigration per-

mission to Soviet Jews previously

barred from leaving the country. In a speech to a U.N. panel of

human rights experts, he said

about half a million Jews would

have left the Soviet Union by the

end of this year thanks to reforms

instituted by Soviet President

Bot "hoodreds, possibly

thousands," were refused permis-

sion to leave on the grounds they

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"There is no reason why fami-

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Mikhail Gorbachev.

David Littman of the World

the Soviet Union will allow nearly two million Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel in the next five to 10 years, at a cost of \$20 billion, a leading American Jewish leader said Friday.

The expected mass emigration fo Soviet Jews will be a top item in the meeting of the Latin American branch of the World Jewish Congress said Elan Steinberg, executive secretary of the congress. It opened Friday evening, recessed Saturday, and resumes Sunday, possible going on until Monday.

The situation in the Soviet Union has changed radically, so we now face the problem of absorbing perhaps two million Jews from the Soviet Union into Israel," Mr. Steinberg said in an interview.

He estimated the cost of the process "will be in excess of \$20 billion, just in direct absortion

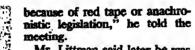
"There is a financial problem. but there will be also a social problem and deep political changes in Israel," he said.

"You have to take into account that such an immigration is tanta-mount to increasing the nation's population by 60 per cent. And that in last two years more than 250,000 Jews have already been absorbed by Israel," be added.

Mr. Steinberg said Santiago was picked as the site for the Jewish meeting as a tribute to the restoration of democratic rule in Chile in March 1990 after the 161/2 year military regime of Augusto Pinochet

Other items in the agenda include an analysis of anti-Semitism in the world, endangered Jewish communities, peace process in the Middle East and prosecution of Nazi criminals.

"In Latin America today, I would say it is safe to say that there are no government-directed



Mr. Littman said later he was confident that Mr. Yeltsin would respond favourably, given his role in stopping the "tyranny" of last week's thwarted coup. He said his plea was also addressed to presidents of other Soviet republics with refuseniks. His appeal came on the last day

of a month-long meeting of the U.N. Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. For the first time, the subcommission formally expressed concern at China's violation of

human rights in Tibet. It asked U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Coellar to pass on information about the

situation in Tibet to the human rights commission, the U.N's top numan rights body. In a secret ballot, the resolu-

tion was pased by nine votes to seven, with four abstentions. Western experts said previous attempts to criticise rights violations in Tibet had failed because of Chinese lobbying of members

of the panel from Third World countries. "Without a secret ballot, it would have been impossible to get the resolution through," said: William Treat, an American expert. The secret ballot procedure was introduced this year in an attempt to reduce government pressure. The 26 members of the sub-commission, which reports to

are technically independent of their governments. In another move, the subcommission asked for an investigation of the Kuwait governmeot's treatment of noo-Kuwaiti residents such as Palestinians. It also passed resolutions lies should remain disunited or criticising Iran, Iraq, Guatemala,

the human rights comm

South Africa and Israel.

# blocking hostage deal

Palestinian leader Ahmad Jibril, whose group engineered the exchange of three captured Israelis for more than 1,100 Arabs held by Israel, has accused the Jewish state of blocking a global hostage

Colonel Jibril, in an interview broadcast Saturday, repeated Iranian charges that Israel's demand for information on seven missing servicemen was delaying the freeing of Western hostages held by pro-Tehran groups in Leba-

The chief of the Popular Front of the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC) told Voice of Lebanon Radio that four of the missing Israelis were dead. The three others had been captured alive but he had no up-to-date information on their

"We think the Israelis are putting these missing as a hurdle so that they don't pay the price they are requested to ..." said Col. Jibril, a former Syrian army offic-

Israel has said it wanted positive information on the fate of servicemen missing in Lebanon before considering freeing hundreds of Arab prisoners, the main demand of pro-Iranian captors holding Western hostages. Col. Jibril did not name the

Israelis he said had been captured alive.

In May 1985, the PFLP-GC engineered the exchange of three Israeli soldiers captured near Beirut for more than 1,100 Palestinians held by Israel. The group has claimed respon-

sibility for dozens of attacks on the Jewish state, including a raid near Qiryat Shimona in November, 1987 in .which six Israelis were killed by a guerrilla who infiltrated from Lebanon on a

powered hang glider.
Col. Jibril said the Lebanese
Amal militia held the remains of two Israeli soldiers killed during a battle in Khaldeh south of Beirut in the summer of 1982.

week offered to allow the Red Cross to see their remains if Israel released 28 women detained at Khiam prison in South Lebanon where the Jewish state maintains a huffer zone with the South Lebanon Army militia.

The Damascus-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine says it has the remains of an Israeli Druze soldier, Samir

The pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), believed to be an umbrella for hostage-takers, says it holds two Israelis but refuses to say whether they are dead or alive. Hizbollah denies any involvement with kidnappers. The whereabouts of an Israeli

who is thought to be alive, are not known. Israel says be is in the hands of Iranian There are 10 Westerners missing in Lebanon: Five Americans, two Britons, two Germans and an

air force navigator, Ron Arad,

Italian, who is believed to be Iran's U.N. ambassador, Kamal Kharrazi, accused Israel on

Friday of blocking a hostage The ball is in the court of

Israel and everyone expects Israel to respond positively," he told reporters. In Baalbek, Lebanon, a senior official of Hizbollah Priday described most Western hostages in

Lebanon as spies and urged a

campaign to end the 13-year mys-tery of a missing Shiite Muslim religious leader. Hussein Musawi, a member of a Hizbollah delegation which returned Thursday from more than a week of talks in Iran, said Shiites should campaign for

had done for its hostages.
"We have to be faithful to the cause of our grand hostage Imam Musa Sadr. Look to the Europeans who ... kept the world busy with (their) hostages, all or most

Imam Musa Al Sadr as the West

## U.N.food airlift in Ethiopia reduces famine threat

ADDIS ABABA (R) --- Millions which costs \$5 million a month, of Ethiopians facing starvation due to war and drought may have been saved at the eleventh hour by a massive United Nations emergency airlift.

"The food airlift, although expensive, has helped people to stay in their villages," said U.N. Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Group (EPPG) official Ben Parker Friday.

Five C-130 transport aircraft have started ferrying 10,000 tonnes of food a month from Diibouti to areas in Ethiopia hit by shortages and about 1,300 tonnes more were being moved daily by truck, be said.

Up to 7.4 million Ethiopians were affected by food shortages this year, as drought hit again and the country's 30-year civil war came to a violent end with the overthrow of dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam in May. Relief officials said the airlift,

was mounted because a lack of trucks left 200,000 tonnes of food stranded at Diibouti port.

Food distribution through vil lages has been a priority in averting famine since 1984, when thousands of starving people abandoned farms in search of food only to die in disease-ridden feeding camps.

Mr. Parker said late but adequate rains in Ethiopia's northern 225 Tigre province — where 2.4 milhon face starvation — raised hopes for a good harvest next:

Diplomats said the threat of famine will be reduced by the end? of the war, which cost Colonel Mengistu's government about \$1.2 billion a year. Ethiopia's food aid require-

ents were estimated at 1.2 milhon tonnes in 1990-91, but donors: have pledged only 500,000 tonnes

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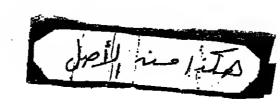
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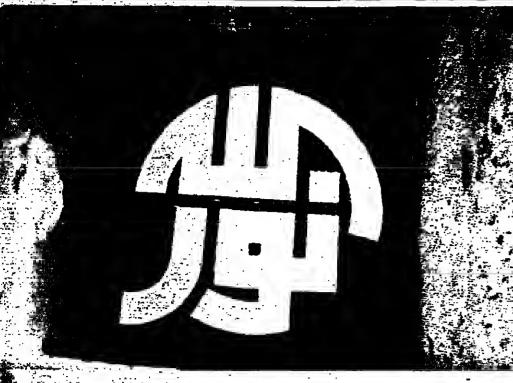
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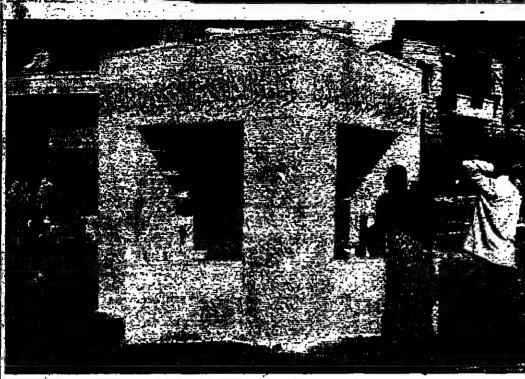
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AMMAN (J.T.) — A public foun-tuin built in the Islamic traditional style has been erected in the square in front of the Grand secini Mosque in downtown

Jordanian citizen Hani Abdo di paid the cost of building the stain while architect Waddah Al Abidi and sculptor Mona Saoudi supervised the construction and technical and artistic work isvolved in the project. The four sides of the structure, which is supplied with continuous

flow of drinking water for thirsty pedestrians, is covered with inscriptions of Koranic versers.

According to the designers, the structure, which is a considered piece of fine art, has been designed after the structure which uses the Holy Kaaba in Meccs.

The idea of the public fountain derived from an old Islamic tradition of placing water at the side of the road for weary and thirsty travellers. The Kora verses were inscribed by callig-raphist Riyad Al Tabbel.

### HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

### Crown Prince congratulates Libya

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the regent, Saturday sent a cable to Libyan President Muammar Qadbati to congratulate him in his name and on behalf of the Jordanian government and people on the occasion of the September Revolution. Prince Hassan wished Mr. Qadhafi good health and happiness and the Libyan people further progress and

### Zarqa governor inspects factories

ZARQA (Petra) — Zarqa Governor Mohammad Hussein Al Shobaki Saturday stressed the need to conserve nature and the environment to protect citizens' lives and possessions from pollution. In a meeting with owners of factories and citizens in the governorate, Mr. Shobaki called the factories to abide by the regulations of the public safety committees and urged them to gular maintenance operations on machineries at the waste water treatment plants. The governor reviewed in the meeting the achievements of the public safety committee and landed the cooperation of the factories' owners with the committee by improving the quality of water flowing out of their

## Romanian envoy visits speakers

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi received in his office Saturday the Romanian charge d'affaires in Amman. The Romanian envoy delivered to Mr. Lawzi a letter from the Romanian government and parliament dealing with the situation in the Baltic republics and Moldavia. The envoy also renewed an invitation for a Jordanian Parliamentary delegation to visit Romania. The envoy had a similar meeting with Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Abdul Latif

## Committee to meet

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament's Legal Committee will hold a meeting Monday morning to discuss several temporary laws. The committee is expected to discuss in its meeting the annulment of the Communism Combatting Law.

## Universities begin registering students

AMMAN (Petra) — Registration of students and the payment of fees have started at the University of Jordan and the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST). A spokesman for the University of Jordan said that the registration process was to last seven days. He said that 3,971 students have been accepted in the university's various faculties for the new academic year. University sources said that studies are scheduled to start in the first week of September.

## Court session delayed

AMMAN (J.T.) - A scheduled session of hearings by the Military Court of the Petra Bank cases Saturday was postponed until Sunday because one of the presiding judges was absent due to illness. Dr. Maher Waked, a senior Bank of Jordan executive who was member of a panel which investigated Petra Bank affairs, will testify to his findings to the court Sunday.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from mouthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

## EXHIBITIONS

Art endibition by Ibrahim Abel Rubb at the Royal Cultural Centre.

\* Exhibition of ceramics by Iraqi artist Salam Jamii Al Nouri at Alle Art Gallery.

## CONCERT

Concert by Al Jeel Al Jadid falk troupe at the Royal Cultural

## **Increased patient demand prompts** hospital to open new medical centres

AMMAN (J.T.) - In view of the local press, it offers services to increased medical demand in Amman because of the concentration of most of the returning expatriates in the city, Al Bashir Hospital announced. Saturday that it has made plans to offer expanded services at new facili-

Dr. Suheil Kayed, the hospital director, said that to ease the pressure at the main hospital premises, a new first aid and emergency centre will be opened nearby. It will be opened to the public on Monday, he said. The new centre has been sup-

plied with equipment and medical staff and has 112 beds for emergency cases, Dr. Kayed said. According to Dr. Kayed, the

new centre can be considered one of the most modern and has been equipped with modern facilities for speedy treatment.

Al Bashir Hospital is the only government hospital in the capital and, according to reports in the nearly 70 per cent of the Am-

Dr. Kayed said that the hospital is opening the new centre in order to cope with the increasing number of patients, including those returning from Kuwait.

Dr. Kayed also announced that Al Bashir Hospital will soon inaugurate new premises for the outpatient unit. He said the departments which treat chest diseases, children and burns will be shifted to new areas to allow for the expansion of the surgery and delivery sections in the hospital. He said the number of hospital beds will be increased by at least 230 beds in the process.

Dr. Kaved complained that the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) had cut off the water supply to, Al Bashir Hospital for three days last week. He said that the water supply is of paramount importance to run the hospital's various

Dr. Kayed also complained that the hospital was suffering from severe shortages of specialists and nurses, largely due to the loss of some of the staff who had been demanding incentives and better pay.

In the past month, the president of the Jordanian Medical Association (JMA), Dr. Ishaq Maraqa, complained that Al Bashir Hospital doctors were underpaid and overworked. He said on Jordan Television that each doctor at Al Bashir Hospital was treating up to 200 patients every week and, like other doctors in private hospitals, these physicians deserved higher pay.

Dr. Kayed complained that a number of the pre-fabricated buildings at the Al Bashir Hospital were in a dilapidated condition after being used for more than 10 years. These buildings, he said, are no longer suitable for medical services largely because it is impossible to keep them clean.

## **Trial of Muslim militants** to start in a few days

AMMAN (R) — Jordan's Justice Minister Tayseer Kanaan said on Saturday members of a clandestine military Muslim group detained for links to car bombs and attacks on civilians would go on trial in the next few days.

But he declined to say when exactly members of a group calling itself the "Prophet Mohammad's Army" would go on trial. He told Reuters around 20

would be tried by the State Security Court. "He will also free soon those whose involvement has not been proven," he said. He did not give a firm date for their release and did not say how

many they were. More than 60 militans were arrested in August for alleged involvement in car bomb attacks on a security official and the

daughter of a priest. The government said they were also planning to attack civilian, financial and security targets and had put the house of a Western ambassador under surveillance.



Government officials earlier said they expected the trials to start on Saturday. It was not immediately clear why they had not begun.

His Majesty King Hussein told Reuters this month that some of the accused had trained in Afghanistan alongside the mujahedeen (Islamic resistance fighters) but most of them were Jordanians.

## Hizbollah: U.S. not responding

(Continued from page 1)

"The Western hostages are few, but the Muslims are hundreds. Why shouldn't we be treated equally."

Hizbollah is believed to be the parent group for the various underground factions holding most of the 11 Westerners missing in Lebanon.

Asked whether Mr. Perez de Cueilar has contacted Hizboilah about two Israeli servicemen it has held since 1984, Mr. Musawi said: "I'm not aware of any such

Israel has agreed to release 400

Arabs it holds in return for recase of the Western hostages and the return of its seven servicemen missing in Lebanon for as many

Before going into details of a possible swap, Israel insisted on obtaining reliable information on its missing to determine whether they are still alive. Hizboliah has so far refused to

allow the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the two Israelis it holds. Shiite leader Nabih Berni said

his Amal militia has the bodies of two Israelis, but he has refused to identify them.

## **Netherlands** delegation to visit **Jordan**

AMMAN (J.T.) - An eightmember Parliamentary delega-tion from the Netherlands is due here Monday evening in the course of a tour of countries in the Middle east on a fact finding mission and for talks on the region's issues with parliamentarians and government officials.

The delegation includes Henri-cus Aarts (Christian Democrat), Adriannus Melkert (Socialist). Frans Welsglas (Liberal), Meindert Leerling (Orthodox Protestant), Jacob Kohnstomm (Left Liberal), Jan Arend Lonink (Socialist), Johan Gualtheric Van Weezel (Christian Democrat) and Jan Jooren (clerk of the Lower House of Parliament).

The consul general for the Netherlands in Jordan, Dr. Raouf Abu Jaber, told the Jordan Times that the delegation members will be meeting with the speakers of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament and parliament members as well as Foreign Minister Abdullah Ensour for talks on Middle East issue.

"He said that they may be received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan before they leave Wednesday for the occupied Palestinian land.

Dr. Abu Jaber, who will host a reception for the guets, said that the delegation members will arrive here by land from Damascus and will be met at the border post of Ramtha by Jordanian officials.

### al collapse of the Luxembourgbased bank, which has been hit by scandals and financial troubles. The CBJ had ensured that all local BCCI deposits in foreign currency were repatri-ated to Jordan before the problems forced European seizures

3 banks submit offers for

the offers is expected Monday. The bids came from the Arab Banking Corporation (ABC), which already has a commercial banking licence, the Union Bank and the Business Bank — two investment houses which do not have a commercial licence.

The Jordanian Investment and Finance Bank - a fourth contender — was automatically dropped from consideration since it did not submit any offer by the office closing hours Saturday, the deadline set by the CBJ. "The three offers have been

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Central

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(BCCI) and a final decision on

received and the board of directors of the Central Bank of Jordan will meet Monday to evaluate and make the decision" as to which institution gets the three BCCI branches, which were taken over by the CBJ in early July, BCCI Regional Manager Fakhri Bilbeisi told the Jordan Times.

All three BCCI branches are solvent despite the internationof BCCI assets in the first week

The CBJ has set JD 1 million as the minimum bid for BCCI Jordan and the buyer also has to undertake to protect the interests of the 90 BCCI employees in Jordan. No dismissals will be permitted during the first year.

In the meantime, Jordanians holding deposits with BCCI branches in London and elsewhere in Europe are trying to get together in a bid to salvage their money, but most of them admit that it could be a lost cause in view of the magnitude of the problem.

BCCI depositors have received signals from the concerned European monetary authorities to confirm their accounts and balances ahead of a process which might result in partial reimbursements, but no-body knows when.

A deposit-security organisa-

**BCCI** branches in Jordan touch with most Jordanian depositors with BCCI London and some of them have already received a one-time payment of £15.000. This payment is regardless of the actual credit balances as long as they are more than £15,000.

"An action committee is being set up in London by mostly Arab depositors of BCCI and the committee will demand a speedy process for the reimbursement of all BCCI deposits," said one Jordanian businessman who said he had "more than £40,000" with BCCI London.

"We know that it is going to be a tough process and we might not get anything at all, but we cannot give up," he added.

One distant hope of depositors with the European bran-ches of BCCI is that the rulers of Abu Dhabi, who own 77 per cent of BCCI, might pump in funds to keep the bank affoat after having already given \$85 million to avert a liquidation order in Britain. But international banking experts doubt whether the majority sharehol-ders will be interested in reviving the scandal-plagued bank with massive cash infusions.

## Kingdom needs 430 new schools to implement conference's suggestions

AMMAN (Petra) — A survey conducted by the Ministry of Education has revealed that Jordan was in need of at least 430 new schools in various regions in order to implement the recommendations and resolutions of the 1987 National Educational Conference, according to Abdul Razzaq Al Masni, the director of the ministry's Projects and School

Buildings Department.
To build these schools between 1989 and 1998 in accordance with the conference resolutions, the country needs at least \$950 million. The ministry now plans to carry out the project in two stages, according to Mr. Maani.

He said that the first stage will be carried out between 1989 and 1994 while the other would be enacted between 1995 and 1998, depending on the funds. The first phase of the project, Mr. Maani said, entails building 200 schools before the end of 1991.

The ministry plans to announce tenders for the projects and embark on their implementation. He said that the 1991 budget will take care of the construction of 95 schools but the 1992 budget will provide for the construction of 50 more schools and the 1993 fiscal budget another 50.

As for the second phase of the project, which extends between 1995 and 1998, the ministry has embarked on the process of appropriating land on which to construct the remaining number of schools Mr. Maani said. Mr. Maani said that the ministry

is in dire need of the additional schools in order to cope with the growing demand for education at the school level, the increase in the number of students as a result of the return to Jordan by the expatriates and to dispose of the rented buildings for which the ministry is paying.

According to Mr. Maani, Ministry of Education schools this year admitted a total of 56,000 expatriate children, a number which is expected to rise to 76,000 during the current schotinued flow of expatriates return-

ing home.
The Ministry of Education has made available JD 6 million for the maintenance of schools to provide 50 schools with educational aids and to provide essential supplies to school vocational workshops, laboratories and libraries for this year.

Indeed, a recent survey conducted by ministry teams revealed that 616 government schools were in need of these basic requirements.

In view of the return to large numbers of students, the ministry has decided to keep the two shift system in certain schools and to keep the rented school buildings for the time being until new buildings have been completed.

According to Mr. Maani, the ministry has received a number of finished school buildings which have facilities for classrooms and laboratories. These, he said, have been opened to students at the start of the current scholastic lastic year in view of the con- year.

## Government to replace foreign teachers with qualified Jordanians

down on foreign workers in Jordan, the Ministry of Labour Saturday announced plans to curtail the number of foreign teachers at schools, universities and community colleges in the country.

Labour Minister Abdul Karim Al Dughmi said that the Ministry of Labour will not reverse its decision, which prohibits non-Jordanians from assuming teaching posts at educational institutions in the Kingdom except in rare cases where Jordanian teachers for specific subjects are

not availble. In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Dughmi said that the Ministry of Labour will be willing to study the question of issuing permits on a very limited scale for universities but not for community colleges and schools, where hundreds of unemployed but qualified Jordanians can work.

Addressing a meeting attended by representatives of private and government universities at his office, Mr. Dughmi said that the Ministry of Labour was planning to invite holders of doctorate degrees in various specialisations to register their names with the ministry and fill applications for jobs. He said that the ministry will take charge of filling posts at community colleges and universities with Jordanian teachers.

The ministry will also seek to find work for qualified university graduates in other countries and is working in coordination with the Civil Service Commission to achieve that goal, Mr. Dughmi

The minister urged all universities to take steps to adhere to the labour law with regard to the employment of non-Jordanians on their staff. He also called on the universities' administrations to provide the Ministry of Labour with the lists of names of non-Jordanian teachers and their specialisations.

Mr. Dughmi stressed the need for these universities to coordin-

AMMAN (J.T.) — As part of the ate the employment of non-government's continued crack- Jordanian teachers with the Labour Ministry. He warned that the ministry

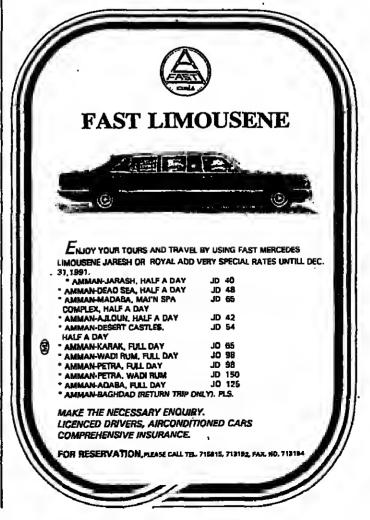
would ignore applications for teachers if the ministry has not been consulted in advance. According to Petra, representatives of the universities agreed with the minister's ideas,

stressing that hundreds of qualified Jordanians are awaiting appointment in place of the non-Jordanians. The ministry of Labour earlier announced that it was providing

training courses for Jordanians at the vocational training centres in order to train them to take over jobs from non-Jordanian workers in the country.



Abdul Karim Al Dughmi



## Sunday's economic pulse

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## City at heart

THE CONTINUOUS horizontal expansion of Amman necessarily involves success in fighting the recession in our construction sector, which has been plaguing the economy for a number of years now. Yet if the expansion in housing continues along the same pattern it has been following there is danger that most of the fertile lands around the capital may end up being no more than ugly structures of cement and bricks. This is not to mention the imminent risk of placing heavy concentration of the country's population in one major metropolis to the detriment of the overall interest and welfare of the Kingdom.

There are obvious socio-economic implications reated to the unchecked growth of the principal city. But beyond that, our city planners have to worry also about the limited resources of the Amman municipality which appear to be stretched to the limit already. On the top of these financial and natural resources are

water and services. A few decades ago, the late prime minister, Wasfi Tal, sounded the alarm about the cancerous expansion of the capital in the direction of the limited fertile lands situated mostly westwards. Unfortunately, his warnings went unheeded, and we now have to pay the price for that myopia.

In any case, all hope must not be lost, especially when the problem is getting bigger with Amman being flooded with hundreds of thousands of returnees from the Gulf. In this vein, the mushrooming construction sing on all around Amman, especially in the western parts, to accommodate the new residents needs to be controlled before a tragedy befalls us in terms of utilities, services, water and, above all, the loss of the ng fertile lands. In view of the magnitude of the dation problem that the country is experiencing, a itional policy needs to be articulated as a matter of urgency with a view to stemming the growth of n and channel the new stresses and strains to other areas in the country: North middle and south. In the Masri government in June up until now it has not been possible to appoint a new mayor for Amman. The vacant post cannot afford to be politicised. What head of municipality Amman needs most is not a Muslim or Christian or a Circassian or Kurd, but a highly qualified Jordanian man or woman who is well-versed with the fundamental issues of city planning and management. There is obviously an urgent need for an energetic mayor to fill the vacant job at a time when the capital can ill afford any additional procrastination on the appointment. At the rate house building is going nowadays, it is doubly important to choose an able mayor who could run the affairs of the city efficiently and tirelessly.

After all, Amman is a beautiful city of which we all are proud and it deserves from us the best of care.

## ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

EVERY time we hear about a new trip to the Middle East by the U.S. secretary of state, Israel moves to announce a new phase of its settlement programme in the occupied Arab lands, said Al Ra'i daily Saturday. The paper drew the readers' attention to the fact that it was the same U.S. secretary of state, James Baker, who voiced Washington's dismay over the creation of these settlements describing them as an obstacle to the peace process. But it is noticed that the United States is doing nothing to stop the settlement programme or to restrain Israel's desire for seizing more Arab land and it is giving the Arabs mere lip service claiming only that it does not approve of these settle paper noted. Israel chose through its Housing Minister Ariel aron to announce plans to settle more than a million Jews within the Jerusalem area which would be linked to the other Jewish settlements only 20 days before the arrival in the Middle East of the U.S. secretary in yet another tour to peddle Washington's ideas for a peace conference, the paper said. A spokesman for the Israeli government has said that Mr. Shamir's views are those of the government and Israel was going ahead with its settlement programme as planned, the paper added. It said that such statement reveals the true intentions of the Jewish, state and exposes its disregard to the so called peace process. The paper noted that the peace process can never see the light as long as Israel goes ahead with plans to swallow up what remained of the Arab lands since the land is closely linked to the concept of

In the past two decades all contractors in Jordan had been allowed by law to build and sell flats and homes of different sizes and in various areas of Amman and other cities without being questioned by any law about the safety of these huildings, said a columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Saturday. Salah Abdul Samad said that these contractors had been making a great deal of profit from their operations, but many of their buildings later proved to be of bad quality and some of them were near collapse, forcing the residents to evacuate them. It was never easy for ordinary citizens to purchase their flats and in most cases they borrowed the money from the banks to pay for their installments, and no law was there to provide protection to the buyers from any cheating or manipulation on the part of the contractors, said the writer. Abdul Samad cited the example of a neighbouring Arab country where many buildings collapsed as a result of insufficient materials required for their safety and said Jordan should take a lesson from this situation and introduce a law by which any flat to be sold should be subject to close examination by the municipality or other concerned body.

By Dr. Fahd Al Fanck

## Should Aqaba become a free zone?

THE transformation of Aqaba into a free zone is an old subject that comes up for debate time and again. The subject has never been resolved one way or another, unless we take the government's inaction as an implied position against the idea.

So far Jordan spent tens of millions of Jordanian dinars to establish free zones in various areas of the country, including the Jordanian-Syrian borders, but unfortunately the feasibility of these projects was not confirmed, and the buge investments were never recovered. Even if it were a good idea to establish yet more free zones, the Aqaba region should be the last candidate for consideration, due to reasons which will be put forth immediately.

Naturally, free zones in the world were established where cheap skilled labour was abundant, such as in Hong Kong and other Far East points. Such cheap labour is obviously not available in Jordan, much less in Aqaba, where the Port Authority finds difficulty in attracting the badly needed labour even after granting generous incentives.

The most pointed out advantage of free zones is to encourage export industries. The problem here is that commodities produced in free zones-are not eligible for certificates of origin and thus could not possibly benefit from Jordan's export markets, its bilateral trade agreements, or the Arab common market. They

are simply treated as foreign products.

Customs and income tax are also cited as major advantages for the establishment of a project within a free zone. But the Investment Encouragement Law is effectively making all of Jordan almost a free zone from this stand point. By law, investments in industry, agriculture, tourism, transport, health and education are totally exempted from taxes on their imported machinery and construction. They are also exempted from income tax for a long period of time. Customs duty on raw materials is relatively very low, and is recoverable in full case of

The claimed success of Jabal Ali free zone is due to the fact that it is established in a state which itself is a free zone (Dubai). It is as prosperous as a smuggling area. Free zones in protected economies like Jordan's do not succeed. The most obvious example is Port Said, one of the worst failures among free zones

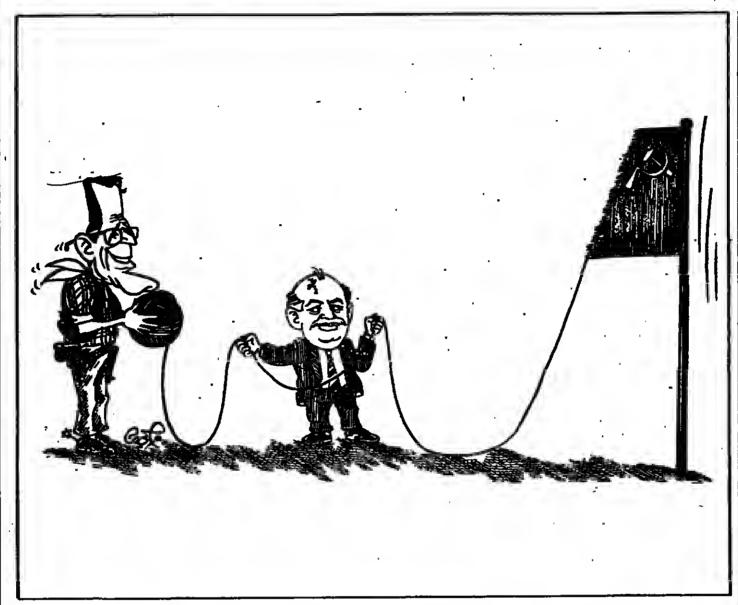
It is not true that free zones secure simplicity of procedure and absence of governmental red tape. The entry and exit of any materials to or from free zones have to pass through customs walls. If red tape can be curtailed, we should do so not ony in free zones but all over the country.

The choice of a spot to become a free zone is one way of giving a push to an underdeveloped area. Therefore, it may be understandable to think of the eastern desert as a free zone. Aqaba, in contrast, is overcrowded by heavy industries, tomism and transport. It is the area that needs transformation to free zone

Besides, Aqaba is a sensitive spot, neighbouring the sea and three countries. To transform Aqaba into a free zone is to unleash illegal trafficking, capital flight and all kinds of security infiltra-tions. Jordan is better off without taking such risks.

It may be useful also to point out the importance of Aqaba as part of the domestic consumer market, which may be lost to the Jordanian products. As a free zone it will be open, duty free, to foreign products, which will definitely expel Jordanian products from its market. The travel to and out of Aqaba will become more troublesome. Passengers will have to cross a customs point and be submitted to inspection as if they were coming from abroad.

Last but not least, the indigenous people of Aqaba, who are enthusiastic about the project, should understand that in the long run it will not work in the best of their interest. They would become strangers in their own town which will be taken over and controlled by external capitalists and profiteers.



## West sees hardliners as finished despite fears of return

By Nicholas Doughty Reuter

BRUSSELS - The West has effectively written off the prospect that the Soviet Union's communist old guard might make a desperate attempt to seize power again, diplomats and analysts say.

The Communist Party - the main instrument of control with the KGB and the armed forces is falling apart. The leaders of last week's bungled hardline coup are in fail. Republics are spinning out beyond central control.

The chance of a return by the hardliners is being effectively discounted," said one senior NATO diplomat who asked not to be

The members of the old guard stand to lose everything — the lifted them above the grey misery of world opinion would make

ward for loyal service to the party

or the armed forces. Now they are all but powerless. Some, in desperation, have committed suicide.

"They might have a chance of some success in some of the more remote republics, but there is no chance of a possible comeback. They bungled it," said Philip Borinski of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in

"In the current situation, they have no legitimacy with the people and that counts for everything now. The armed forces are divided. The events of the last week

The weight of domestic opinion, promises of sweeping purges power, perks and privileges that in the military, and the strength

of everyday Soviet life as a re- another coup attempt impracti-

Nevertheless, the rebel republics of Estonia and Latvia predicted on Tuesday that this was exactly what would happen. The West is more worried that chaos will come to the Soviet Union, even if the hardliners are purged.

"We must reckon with a next coup d'etat," said Estonian Foreign Minister Lennart Meri, in Oslo with his Lithuanian and Latvian colleagues to sign a pact establishing diplomatic ties with Norway.

This beast is now wounded but it's still alive. It's fighting between life and death," he told a news conference.

"I think the hardliners will try to regroup," Latvian Foreign Minister Janis Jurkans told Reuters. "We have won one battle,

but not the war."

NATO officials and analysts say there could be a limited hardline backlash if the coming winters proves particularly tough, but that the West would almost certainly pump large amounts of food aid to polster the crippled Soviet economy.

"How things will settle beyond that, no one can know," said another NATO diplomat. "I think we're more worried about chaos than any return to the old

British Prime Minister John Major on Wednesday called on Soviet leaders to formulate a clear plan of action for the way ahead. Speaking on a visit to the United States, he said: "There's a danger of chaos. There's a danger of nobody knowing quite what is going to happen or how it can be prought about."

## **Eastern Europe sits** tight as Soviet Union dismembers itself

By Michael Shields Reuter

BUDAPEST — Eastern Euro- the whole world.

The image of Soviet Union as and urge respect for the rights of a monolithic power ready and minorities

democratic process or else they hood in modern times. Minister Jiri Dienstbier said.

take place on a much graver scale others. if it happened in the Soviet Un-ion. It is therefore of utmost line has been Romania, which such a solution is also in our independence declaration.

have pointed up just how fluidly
Looking past the present turthe balance of power has shifted moil, Eastern Europe is pinning from the central government to its hopes on the prospect that

sudden breakdown of political the future, even if they come order poses danger as the repub- within the framework of a drastifics - led by Boris Yeltsin's cally different union. dominant Russian Federation —

is not possible to slow it," said a for each other — destined for Polish Foreign Ministry official. cooperation but obviously under "We are trying to absorb the new conditions, "Polish President information and adapt to and Lech Walesa told Mr. Gorbachev seize all the opportunities." in a te Polish officials believed there week.

was still a possibility that the Soviet Union might dissolve in chaos, but the last few days had ity and economic good sense will shown Mr. Gorbachev was holding onto power, he added.

One Hungarian Foreign Ministry official said too much was at pell-melt into oblivion, especially inside the Soviet stake for the Soviet Union to race within republics.

"An uncontrolled, spon"There is a huge moral force in taneous disintegration of the Moscow now, and Russian lead-Soviet Union would be a very ership could suffice to keep the unfavourable development for a main parts of the Soviet Union number of reasons, including the together, which, after all, would issue of nuclear weapons," he not be bad," another official said

"In case of an escalating conflict, the dangers could be very serious to its neighbours and to

pean countries are worried that However, countries in the rethe breakup of the Soviet Union gion are basically powerless to is rushing ahead too quickly, but influence events in the Soviet can do little except wait and seize Union, this official said, adding what chances the reshuffle may they could only encourage demobring, officials said on Friday. cratic means to resolve difference

willing to impose its will on weak- Eastern Europe has rushed to er neighbours is rapidly fading recognise the independence of away, leaving in its place fear that the three Baltic states, but has the country could disintegrate been reluctant to extend that into Yugoslavian-style disarray. move to other Soviet republics "I think developments in the that unlike Lithuania, Lativa and Soviet Union must follow a Estonia had not enjoyed state-

"The Baltic states are a closed chaos," Czechoslovakian Foreign chapter, but it must be stressed that they are a separate matter, "Just look at what is happening the Hungarian official said. in Yugoslavia," he told Reuters. "There is a clear line that sepa-What is going on there would rates the Baltic states from the

importance to support fully all was the first and so far only democratic means to resolve the country to recognise the neighsituation in the Soviet Union, for bouring republic of Moldova's

Two-thirds of the people in The powerful centrifugal forces Moldova, most of which was unleashed by the failed attempt amexed by Moscow in 1940 as topple Soviet President part of a Soviet deal with Nazi Mikhail Gorbachev last week Germany, are ethnic Romanians. republics will eventually emerge Officials in neighbouring East- from their cuphoria to realise ern countries are alarmed the close ties could be beneficial in

"We want to tell the Soviet flex their newly-found muscles. nations that you are so tied eco-"It is really going too fast but it nomically that you are destined in a telephone conversation this

> "We hope that economic realprevail," Romanian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Traian Chebeleu added. "As far as the breakup process of Romania's big neighbour is concerned, we hope

in reference to Mr. Yeltsin.

## Yeltsin muscle - flexing scares other republics

By Bryan Brumley The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Muscle flexing by Russian leader Boris Yeltsin is hastening the flight of other republics from the Soviet Union and raising the specter of "Rus-sian imperialist thinking."

Many of Mr. Yeltsin's actions are drawing warnings from Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and leaders of smaller republics who fear emergence of the giant Russian Federation as a "big brother" that could dominate whatever emerges from the wreckage of the Soviet Union.

emerging Russian nationalism. They refused to approve Mr.

mers were forming a new political The deputies objected specifi-

cally to Moscow Mayor Gavriil Popov, who they claimed had supported a Yeltsin decree issued

earlier this week that reserved kussia's right to review borders with most of its neighbours. Since leading resistance to a botched hardline coup last week, Mr. Yeltsin had issued decree after decree aimed at dismantling central authority and expanding

bis own. His hammer blows have shattered the authority of Mr. Gorhachev's government, and Non-Russian lawmakers com- allowed Mr. Yeltsin to negotiate plained Thursday about "newly directly with leaders of other

Taken together, the action Gorbachev's choices to his top have placed Mr. Yeltsin closer advisory body, the security coun- and closer to the centre of power cil, claiming that Russian refor- in what a Russian-Ukrainian

oviet Union." But they have also prompted

It was partly Mr. Yeltsin's decrees that led the Ukraine, the most populous Soviet republic after Kussia, to issue an moependence declaration Saturday, joining the three Baltic republics and Georgia. Byelorussia and Moldova have joined the stam-

pede since then. The Ukraine signed an agree-ment with Russia for a temporary economic and military alliance but also started forming an army to defend itself from what Ukrainian legislator Stepan Khmara in Kiev called "a revival of Russian

imperialist thinking." President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, the fourth most populous Soviet republic, said Mr. Yeltsin's comments on

statement called "the former borders may force his republic to follow the Ukraine's lead in declaring outright independence.

Seven republics have proclaimed total independence so far, although many of those declarations may be aimed at giving the republics what Moscow-based analyst Andrei Kortunov called bargaining chips" in dealing with Mr. Yeltsin.

Mr. Yeltsin has put his stamp on the emerging order. Meeting Mr. Gorbachev last Friday after the coup, he reportedly demanded the appointment of his nominees to head the ministries of defence, interior, foreign affairs and the KBG.

Mr. Gorbachev also appointed Mr. Yeltsin's prime minister, Ivan Silayev, as head of a committee to manage the nation's economy and to appoint a new

sin's efforts to dictate policy to Mr. Gorbachev and other Soviet leaders could create disunity.

He pointed to the Russian ment early this weekend that the bonders Russia shares with eight other republics might be reviewed if those republics other than the Baltics -- do not sign a proposed union treaty preserving the Soviet Union in some

Mr. Yeltsin Wednesday dispatched his vice president, Alexander Rutskoi, to hold talks with Ukrainian leader Leonid Kraychuk. Early Thursday they stan and joining Russia. agreed to put border disputes to rest and forge an economic and military alliance.

Mr. Nazarbayev said Mr. Yelt- per cent ethnic Russian and 38 per cent Kazakh

> In a message to Mr. Yeltsin, Nazarbayev charged that the Russian president's statements were worrying, said Igor M. Romanov, a spokesmen for the Kazakh president.

> Along the Russian-Kazakh border, where many ethnic Russians live, "the situation is com-plicated," Mr. Romanov said. There have been no sharp outbreaks or unpleasantness, but there are railies and manifestations ... by people who are in favour of seceding from Kazakh-

Mr. Yeitsin sent Mr. Rutskoi to the Kazakhstan capital of But trouble flared in Kazakh- Alma-Ata, and Mr. Gorbachev stan, which has a long border also sent a special delegation to with Russia and a population 41 try to defuse the situation.

## More join independence spree

(Continued from page 1)

ports of injuries. The Black Beret troops have been accused by authorities in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia of enforcing the policies of Kremlin hardliness opposed to independence for the Baltics.

Major Boleslav Makutinovich said in Vilnius Friday that he had received the directive to dishand the units from the Soviet Interior

As a further sign of the new times, the former Communist Party newspaper returned to newsstands Saturday after failing to publish for a week. Its staff has assumed control of the paper from the party after Mr. Yeltsin suspended its publication for supporting the coup.

The New Pravda published a Western political cartoon that showed a big Yeltsin shaking hands with an obviously inferior Gorbachev while welcoming him back to the Kremlin. The former unist Party paper pledged to be bolder.

We shall endeavour to work so that the next junta, should it ever come, will make Pravda the first to be suspended," wrote commentator S. Ogaman.

The consequences of the Auleft of the Soviet state, prompting a purge of the armed forces, the KGB and government depart-ments that failed to resist the

Russian politicians warned Saturday against any acts of re-venge. "A sweeping persecution can only help the accomplices of the putschists," radical deputy Tehnan Golyan told Trud newspaper. "We must not lose our ids. We must not unleash a

Sacked Foreign Minister Alex-

"This is a a direct copy of what happened in 1937. Even when the president says the emergency committee are criminals - he has no right to do that (before a trail). Bessmertnykh told the Komsomolskaya Pravda news-

return from the Crimea, where he was held for the three days of the coup, he wanted to see no repeat of 1937, the highpoint of Josef

Stalin's bloody purges.

Members of the emergency committee are being held at one secret centre along with other close conspirators, including for-Anatoly Lukyanov. All are charged with treason - a crime

## Shiites quit Hrawi's cabinet

But the sources ruled out any possibility that Mr. Hrawi's government would collapse. They expected Syria, the major power. broker in Lebanon and with an estimated 40,000 troops in the country, to intervene and resolve one of the worst crises to hit the administration since; it was

Mr. Berri said the resignations were not aimed against Damascus or its role in Lebanon but he criticised Mr. Hrawi, the closest president to Syria in Lebanon's

ticipate in the U.S. proposed. peace conference in the Middle mass terror on a large number of

ander Bessmertnykh denied charges by Mr. Gorbechev that he had been "passive" in the face of the three-day takeover by hardliners. He said he had had no chance to present his version of

Mr. Gorbachev said after his

and feelings" by sending representatives to Libya.

Political sources said the resgnation of Mr. Berri and Mr. Baydoun was decided during an emergency meeting for Amal's politburo on Friday.

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He also voiced his opposition to Lebanon's acceptance to part of cabinet includes all the country's East, saying it hampered chances pact that ended 15 years of civil of securing an unconditional war.

Mr. Berri's initial attack on the

Imam Sadr founded Amal in the mid 1970s.

leaders attended the rally.

Previously unknown groups in telephone calls and statements to international news agencies in Beirut said Friday they would retaliate unless Imam Sadr's disappearance was investigated.

Mr. Karami said on Friday the government considered the case as a major problem and Colonel Oadhafi had shown he was ready to help any investigations.

-warlords or their representatives. It was formed in line with the Taif

Israeli withdrawal form South Lebanon\_

government prompted Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Karami to scrap plans to attend the Amal-organised rally in South Lebanon to mark the 13th anniversary of Imam Sadr's disappearance.

Some ministers, including Druze leader Walid Junblatt, also a minister of state, and religious

Mr. Hrawi's 30-member unity

## Team to probe Bubiyan incident

(Continued from page 1) n, citing Kuwaiti accounts, said that after a Kuwaiti chal- troops but will keep a naval prelenge the Iraque opened fire with sence in the Gulf. s from bunkers used by their army during the war. He said Kawait reported holding 59

On Friday, the Security Council authorised its president to warn Iraq against any repetition of recent incursions including the landing on Bubiyan, which dominates Iraq's only outlet to

Kuwait's newspapers contended on Saturday the incident showed fraq still threatened the region. Sawt Al Kuwait said the people of Kuwait "did not need. the aggression on Bubiyan to realise that the regime in Baghdad is still continuing the war it

and Britain to keep military bases .

launched against us on Aug. 2." Kuwait wants the United States

there. The two countries say they have no plans to station ground

On Tuesday Washington said it would keep about 1,500 soldiers in Kuwait several months longer than scheduled.

The Syrian government news-paper Al Thawra said Saturday that Iraq aimed "at making the Arab states busy in a marginal battle at a time when these states are making preparations for their participation in the international

peace conference."

Al Thawra claimed Iraq "is reaffirming (its) hostile intentions against the independence and sovereignty of Arab states." Iraq is opposed to plans for an

October peace conference on the Middle East, saying that Palesti-nian interests will be undermined in talks with an agenda set by

## Tensions on China's fringes pressure hard-liners

By John Poinfret The Associated Press

CANTON, CHINA — Tensions similar to those ripping apart the Soviet Union are threatening China — from its coastal south, bursting with entrepreneurial energy, to its restive, isolated regions of Tibet and Xinjiang. But don't expect the world's last totalitarian giant to fall apart. China's ethnic homogeneity

and centuries-old Confucian creed, which teaches that the state is to be obeyed and respected as one's father, will do much to keep the country united. The army's lack of compunction about using deadly force exhibited during the crackdown on Tiananmen Square prodemocracy demonstrators and in both Tibet and Xinjiang against rebellious indigenous peoples —

also should play a role. Like the Soviet people, many Chinese are disillusioned with the promises of communism. T-shirts reading "I'm really tired" nr butes to the crushed 1989 prodemocracy movement - are

China's Communist Party, the world's biggest, appears divided over how to proceed. The country's lumbering red army, like its Soviet counterpart, is torn between a desire to maintain political power and the need to develop into a more professional fighting

China's minorities, who inhabit lands stretching from the Himalayas in the southwest to the silk road deserts of the west, are chafing at the bit. Many reject Peking's long-nurtured concept of unity among the Han Chinese and China's 55 minorities.

A 10-day trip through twn pro-vinces in southern China as a hard-line coup failed in the Soviet Union revealed a people rocketing headlong into capitalism, presenting Peking's aging leaders with possibly their greatest challenge since China opened its doors to the West 12 years ago.

Province, for example, is now almost 90 percent controlled by market forces. The central government only accounts for 5 per cent of investments in the province, of which Canton is the

canital. That means that provincial and city governments can now decide what to do with their money and no longer need to rely on Peking. But the relative independence

of Guangdong and Fujian provinces should not be confused with the separatism of the Baltie states or the truculence of the For one, unlike the Soviet Un-

ion, more than 92 per cent of China's population belongs to the same ethnie group. The Han Chinese are united in their use of a common script and their allegiance to Confucian ideas about family and state.

'We are all Chinese," says Lei Yu, the vice-mayor of Canton, a man famed throughout his country as the mastermind of an interbrought in millions of dollars. "We're just a little more creative down south."

In addition, although China has spent much of its history in pieces, the idea of a unified Chinese state has been one of its cultural mainstays since Emperor Shi first united the country in 221

"It's a case where the culture is too strong," says Pauline Loong, head of China Research for the Jardine Fleming Investment Bank in Hong Kong. "Disintegration is impossible in China."
Unlike in the Soviet Union.

China's Communist Party has stood at the vanguard of the country's reforms. In Guangdong, at least, the

party seems to have its fingers in all successful experiments. Yuan Lisong, vice-mayor of the Boomtown City of Dongguan

and a high-ranking party mem-ber, proudly shows his two name cards: one as vice mayor, the other as managing director of a

pany in Hong Kong. \*\*
The party has worked itself into the system," Bays Ms.

Loong. "Indeed, the party is the system. The party also has been basically independent from other

communist movements since it broke with the Soviet party in the late 1950s. Still, it remains to be seen how the party will cope with increased

international attention now that it remains the lone, big communist "No matter what may happen in the Soviet Union or in the entire international situation, the Chinese people will continue

path they have chosen," said Yuan Mu, spokesman for the State Council, or cabinet. As for Xinjiang and Tibet China's impoverished provinces m its far west - the Sovietdisintegration could very well fuel

ethnic tension. But the results

appear likely to differ starkly

firmly and unshakably along the

from the Soviet experience. Soviet central authorities before being thrown into turmoil by the failure of last week's coup - were relatively careful in their

occassional use of force against secessionist nationalists. Chinese authorities, however have shown no hesitation in bringing the jackboot of martial

law down nn restive minorities. China imposed 13 months of martial law in Tibet starting in March 1989 and Buddhist monks who led anti-Chinese protests re-

main in jail. In Xinjiang, state-run television reports say, 6,490 people were convicted of fomenting re-

bellion in the first half of 1990. These minorities received a stern warning Monday from aging hard-liner Vice President Wang Zhen, who traveled to the northwestern province.

A front-page report in the par-ty's People's Daily said Mr. Wang described China's minorities and the Han Chinese as "56 peoples

## After embracing Baltics, West cooler towards other republics

By Andres Wolberg-Stok Renter

BRUSSELS — The West, aghast at the speed of the Soviet Union's disintegration, faces a dilemma after rushing to embrace the Baltic republics - should it also recognise the other republics seeking to spin free from Mos-

The answer is no - I think," said a spokesman for the Netherlands, current president of the

European community (EC),
The 12 EC foreign ministers
chose their words with care in a statement on Tuesday welcoming Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia back into the ranks of sovereign nations.

They stressed that the three

ique, they agreed to quash

Baltic states had been annexed by Stalin's Soviet Union in 1940 and were now merely restoring their independence. Although they decided against any explicit warning in their com-

any hopes other breakaway republics might have of a similarly warm reception. What we have done today as regards the Baltic states does not carry any implications for how we will handle the relationship with Union or indeed Yugoslavia," British Foreign Secretary Doug-las Hurd said.

'Nn other republics of the Soviet Union were independent between the two world wars. were members of (the United Nations' predecessor) the League of Nations, or (had their) absorption by the Soviet Union never eccepted by many nations,". Mr.

Hurd added. Germany's Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Netherlands' Hans Van Den Broek, Denmark's Uffe Ellemann-Jensen and others took a similar line.

The EC is baffled by the pace at which Europe's political map is changing after the failure of the hardline coup against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev last

"Only four days agn, few would have thought Baltic independence would be a reality within a few days," one EC diplomat Lithnania declared its inde-

pendence in 1990, but Latvia and Estonia did so only a week ago. Byelorussia and Moldova have since followed suit and Georgia, Armenia and the Ukraine are also moving to break away. One problem facing the West is will continue to crumble, and therefore whn needs to be coddled and whn can safely be

antagonised. The decision by Western countries to recognise the Baltics withont waiting for Moscow's blessing angered Mr. Gorbachev, struggling for his political life after

meteoric rise during the coup.
"Both the Baltics and these countries have taken hasty decisions," Mr. Gorbachev said. The Soviet leader's new union

treaty to reshape Moscow's relationships with the republics, which was about to be signed when the hardliners tried to topole him, remains largely a mystery for the West.

We don't know what the contents will be," Mr. Van Den Brock said

The sudden appearance on Europe's political map of half a dozen new countries would create not only untaid diplomatic complications but also economic problems, officials say.

In its role as leader of Western efforts to help former Soviet bloc countries switch to market economies, the EC has already committed billions of dollars to reform in the other republics of the Soviet that it cannot tell yet how far the

Despite its wealth, it is now beginning to wonder whether its chequebooks can support much more democracy to the East. Experts at the EC's executive

European Commission estimate the Baltics along will need between two and three billion dollars a year in aid. The Netherlands and Britain

were initially reluctant to immediately recognise the three states, echoing Washington's doubts about the practicalities of independence and fearing it might set a precedent for Yugoslavia's warring republics. That argument has come full

circle in just three weeks. As recently as the beginning of August, other community states turned down German suggestions that Croatia and Slovenia should be recognised, on the grounds

that it would set a precedent for the Baltics. There may be more difficult decisions to come.

"Now no one is talking about recognising just Croatia and Slovenia anymore - they're talking about recognising fonr (Yugoslav republics) with Bosnia and Macedonia," Spanish Fore-ign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordenez said.

American people are so resistant,

## Death of communism deprives U.S. right of chief bogeyman

By Irwin Arieff

WASHINGTON - Soviet communism's sudden death has deprived the U.S. political right of its principal bogeyman, sending con-servative leaders scrambling for

new goals and strategies. "It's a problem for conservatives because the movement was in large part held together by opposition to communism," said Paul Weyrich, a prominent figure on the U.S. far right.

"The challenge is now to put things in the positive, what the movement is for, rather than the negative, what we oppose. It will be quite a challenge," said Mr. Weyrich, who heads the Washington-based Free Congress

Foundation. For President George Bush, it was a moment to savour when he declared global communism dead following a failed conp in the Soviet Union. The coup attempt triggered rapid-fire change in Moscow and a renewed swell nf anti-communist feeling around the world,

Communism, which ultra-conservatives have blamed for everything from fluoridated water to teen-age sex — let alone a desire to dominate the world - is dead in all but a few tiny pockets of resistance worldwide such as Fidel Castro's Cuba, Mr. Bush his Maine vacation home.

the communist movement around the world," Mr. Bush said. "Those days are gone now and so the American people should take great pleasure, regardless of poli-

"It clearly is the death knell of

But for the far right in particular the moment was bittersweet, combining joy over a long-sought victory with a sense of dread for the future.

It was the communists who Barry Goldwater had in mind with his 1964 U.S. presidential campaign slogan: "Extremism in defence of liberty is no vice." Some two decades later the right was still at it as President Ronald Reagan dubbed Moscow the "evil empire.

Some in the conservative movement today maintain that communism continues to survive in nne form or another dictating a change in tactics rather than a whole new enemy.

"Communism is still alive in Havana, Peking and American universities," said retired Lieutenant-General Daniel Graham, only half in jest.

"But of course it's awful sick," said Lt.-Gen. Graham whn heads High Frontier, which Inhbies for stronger U.S. defences.

Given the Soviet Union's greatly diminished military power "I hope that we have enough sense now to take care of what threats we really see, which are onite different and require different types of military weapons," added Lt.-Gen, Graham, His group's current goal is to build a space-based system to defend against Ballistic missiles.

Others in the movement insist

communism won't be missed. "This is something we've been fighting for all our professional lives," said Kim Holmes, director of Foreign Policy Studies for the Heritage Foundation, a right-

wing Washington think tank.
"We don't need bogeymen; we just need things to support. We've got democracy breaking out all over the place and it's a great time," Mr. Holmes said. Of course not only conserva-

tives will miss communism. "I feel sad for the end of communism," said a Florida liberal activist who asked that she not be identified by name. "It's depressing to think that our sys-tem, with all its failings and problems, is now the model for the

world." But Roger Hickey of the Washington-based Ecnnomie Policy Institute, a liberal economics think tank, said communism's demise would simply refocus the debate.

"It gets rid of an artificial

bogeyman that's been used in the

West to beat down reforms,"

Mr.Hickey said.

### Americans don't do coups, but some think it isn't unthinkable six other assassination attempts "I would like to think that the

By Mike Feinsilber

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - Americans could sit back last week and watch a coup unfold in the other snperpower, confident that it

couldn't happen here. Or could On this fundamental question - whether a handful of conspirators could seize the U.S. government and take over - historians are surprisingly uncertain and di-

vided. Some point to 200 years of experience, in which power routinely changed hands in times tough and placid, as evidence that American fidelity to constitution-

al order is so great that no ideologically driven conspirator could ever find enough people in high places to go along.

Others are not so sanguine. These are tranquil days in America, but there have been times when mobs roamed the streets and citizens worried about the

durability of democracy. One national division was so great it took a civil war to put the country together again. Home-grown fascists had millions of followers during the depression. A president feared to go anywhere in public except to military bases during Vietnam frenzy, and crowds called him a murderer.

Four presidents were killed and

ment conspiracies. Such conspiracy is not in the American character, said Joan Hoff, a historian at Indiana Uni-"What we have that the Soviets have never developed," she said,

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reflecting on the failed putsch in the Soviet Union. "Is the institutionalised succession of power.

resulted from seize-the-governso imbued with democratic ideas that the country could not be taken over by some military or political clique," Mr. Zinn said, "but I don't think that's so. "I don't think it is improbable given the volatility of public opinion and the power of important peo-

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We are totally imbued in it." Historian Howard Zinn, author of " A People's History of the United States," is not so persuaded that it could not happen here under the right cir-

failed, but none of those events

tion to 85 per cent support of military action in a number of "Coups are not simply done by

force," be added.

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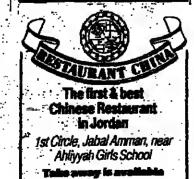
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## Algerian wins women's 1,500m | Chang gold at World Championships

and Moses Kiptanui of Kenya made the penultimate day of the World Athletics Championships a golden triumph for Africa Satur-

The 23-year-old Boulmerka ontwitted and ontpaced the strong and experienced Soviet middle-distance specialists to win the women's 1,500 metres, becoming the first African or Arab woman to win a gold at the World Championships.

The 20-year-old Kiptanui continued Kenya's tradition of supremacy in the 3,000 metres steeplechase, leading home an African medals sweep from fellow-countryman Patrick Sang and another Algerian, Azzedine

The seventh day of competition at the championships, which end Sunday, also saw German Heike Henkel become the third best women's high jumper ever as she captured gold.

There were mixed fortunes for the American sprint relay teams with the men, minus Carl Lewis, setting the second fastest time

MONTECATINI, Italy (R) — The International Football Fed-

eration (FIFA) could replace the

penalty shoot-out with a corner

count to decide drawn matches in

knock-out competitions if neither

But the first team to score in

the 30-minute extra time period

would win and play would end at

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The team compris-

ing Lubna Al Salem and Alia

Shreideh won the first monthly

bridge competition which was

organised by the Jordan Bridge

the Amman Plaza hotel.

the competition Friday.

sponsored by Aramex.

Association (JBA) and held at

Marwan Baslan and Ghassan

Ninety six players participated

Riyal came in second followed by

Nazih Karadsheh and Abdullah

Hamarneh who finished third at

in the competition which was

The Jordan Bridge Association

(JBA) was established in 1979

under the supervision of the

Ministry of Youth. The associa-

tion has 300 members and accord-

ing to the JBA "membership is

steadily increasing."
The Jordan Bridge Association

organises many regular competi-tions. JBA President Babjat Al

Majali told the Jordan Times:

"Weekly competitions are held at the JBA five times a week. We

hope that monthly competitions

sponsored by different companies

will take place on a regular basis

In November of every year the JBA organises the International

Bridge Festival and invites play-

ers from other countries such as

Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and Cyprus. This year the JBA's 10th International Bridge Festival is

due to be held on Nov. 5 at the

As a member of the World Bridge Federartion (WBF) and

Jordan Intercontinental Hotel.

from now on."

A FIFA commission meeting

side scores in extra time.

FIFA studies alternative

during the world under-17 cham- year's World Cup finals.

Salem-Shreideh team

wins bridge tournament

to penalty shoot-out

TOKYO (R) — Young runners ever but the women crashed out shock victory in the 1984 Olym-Hassiba Boulmerka of Algeria of the competition when they pics by Moroccan Nawal El dropped the baton in the semifin-

> The biggest grin in the National Stadium was definitely on the face of Boulmerka who howled with sheer happiness as she cros-sed the line ahead of defending champion Tatyana Dorovskikh.

"That was my cry for joy," she said later after completing a long and lingering lap of bonour with ber national flag. "This is the first win by a woman from Algeria and I like to think this is the beginning of a greater role for Algerian

Boulmerka, whose big late kick has made her one of the most feared middle-distance runners on the circuit, roared past leader Doina Melinte of Romania coming out of the final bend and had the strength to resist Dorovskikh's expected challenge.

The Algerian won in four minutes 2.21 seconds with Dorovskikh, who earlier won the 3,000 metres title, following in 4:02.58 and another Soviet runner Lyudmila Rogachova third.

Boulmerka's win recalled the

pionship is studying how to avoid

teams playing for a draw and

trying to win on penalties, the

Italian sports daily Gazzetta De-

Force Football 2000," including

France coach Michel Platini and

Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez to

look into the issue after receiving

hundreds of complaints after

Argentina won through to last

the Asian Bridge Federatinn (ABF), the JBA also participates

There are several competitions

Mr. Majali explained: "First

there are the bridge festivals in

which anybody can participate.

The other are the international championships held every two

years and the Bridge Olympiad

pionships, where it's a team com-

petition, the Jordan Bridge Asso-

ciation holds qualifying competi-

tions in order to choose the

Jordanian national team," Mr.

Asia Championship where Jor-

Next year the Inrdanian

National Bridge team hope to

participate in the World Bridge

Olympiad due to be held in

Every year, the World Bridge

Federation also organises the Epson Cup Champinnship in which nearly 100,000 to 200,000

players from all over the world

compete.
"Bridge has become a very

popular game worldwide," Mr. Majali said. "One can say it is the

"Bridge is based on a mutual

understanding between two play-

ers. It has a set of rules and

conventions and needs serious,

your game. It also requires a lot

of concentration, mental fitness, and simple arithmetic," Mr. Ma-jali said.

most intellectual card game.

dan came in fifth.

Genoa, Italy.

"For the international cham-

in competitions abroad.

held every four years.

Bo Sport reported Saturday.

pics by Moroccan Nawal El Moutawakil in the women's 400 metres hurdles. "I was young then," the Algerian said. "I don't

remeber much about it." Her triumph could herald an Algerian double as her more famous compatriot Noureddine Morceli is hot favourite in Sunday's men's 1,500 metres final.

Kiptanui, Sang and Olympic champion Julius Karinki led the field throughout the steeplechase and looked as if they would make a Kenyan sweep until Brahmi passed Kariuki in the final bend, holding on for the bronze.

Kiptanui, in his first year of steeplechasing, had far too much power for the rest on the last straight, striding home comfortably in eight minutes 12.59 seconds to win by almost a second from Sang.

together, we run as a team," he said of his compatriots. "On the last lap I knew I was going to

Brahmi, a surprise medallist. said:"I just followed the Kenyans. I knew the only one I could beat was Karinki and I did it. It's a great day for Algeria with a gold and 6 bronze." Henkel won the high jump at

two metres but went on to beat her own national record with a 2.05-metre leap which left only world record holder Stefka Kostadinova and another Bulgarian Lyndmila Andonova ahead of her in the all-time rankings.

At that stage she had cleared the bar at the first attempt six minutes out of six but she then failed with three tries at 2.07

The American men went through their paces in the 4×100 metres relay semifinals, clocking an impressive 37.75 seconds, just 0.08 seconds outside the world record they set in Zurich earlier this month.

Mike Marsh ran the anchor leg for the rested Lewis, who returns for Sunday's final when a world 'We're used to running record seems virtually inevitable: For the women, the relay was a disaster. Carlette Guidry and Esther Jones contrived to mess up the first baton change com-pletely and the team failed to finish their semifinal.

## Juventus faces Fiorentina in season's 1st big match

Fiorentina when the Italian Soccer League kicks opens its 1991-92 season Sunday amid hopes by It said FIFA asked "Task officials of bringing more fans into the stadiums and keeping

> violence out. "A better show and pacification of stadiums are the priorities for the coming season." Italian Federation President Antonio Matarrese said. "Let's hope that players and fans can cooperate for reaching both goals."

> The federation and the Italian League have initiated a campaign to reduce soccer-related violence while police plan increased security inside and outside the arenas. In other games Sunday, defending champion Sampdoria opens at Cagliari; AC Milan will play at new promoted Ascoli; English national team member David Platt makes his Italian League debut for Bari as it husts Torino; Genoa hosts another promoted team, Cre-

monese; Foggia makes its first

division debut at Inter Milan;

Parma is at Lazio; Atalanta is at a

Maradona-less Napoli; and Roma is at Verona. Many clubs spent lavishly in players, improved the quality of Majali pointed out.
The JBA most recently participated in the Middle East and play and draw larger crowds. Last season, attendance increased significantly, halting a five-year

downward trend. "The rise can continue this year, as long as the minority of violent fans are kept under control," said Luciano Nizzola, president of the Italian Professional League. "Fan misbehaviour is the most negative factor."

Soccer dominates Italian sports and has proven a popular draw

MILAN (AP) — Title favourite even in pre-season exhibitions. Juventus of Turin takes nn About 65,000 turned out for the About 65,000 turned out for the Milan-Juventus game at San Siro Stadium last week.

Juventus, which finished a very disappointing seventh last season, has added German World Cup team members Jurgen Kohler and Stefan Reuter to bolster its defence and rehired coach Ginvanni Trapattoni in an attempt to win a record 23rd league title.

And while the defence has responded in the preseason, the offence, led by Roberto Baggio and national team strikers Salvatore "toto" Schillaci and Pierluigi Casiraghi, has had mixed performances.

Inventus was shut out by second-division Udinese in a second-round game of the Italian Cup Wednesday, sparking Tra-pattoni to criticise Schillaci for playing for himself rather than for the team.

"I am certain the forwards will do better against Fiorentina. We are playing the first league game at home and can only think of a victory," said Trapattoni, who rejoins Juventus after five seasons with Internazionale of

appointment in league play last year, spent 30 billion lire (\$25 million) on transfers during the off-season to rebuild.

The Florentine team opens in Turin with newly-acquired Gab-riel Batistuta of Argentina and Mazinho of Brazil, who will be supported by returning striker Carlos Dunga, also of Brazil. Fiorentina's Brazilian coach

Sebastiao Lazaroni said he still was undecided between an offensive and cautious game.

**beats McEnroe** at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Chang turned innocent lobs into killer shots, leaving John McEnroe frozen and frustrated more than a dozen times at the net and knocking him out of the U.S. Open after 41/2 hours of brilliant

Chang, battling a hostile crowd and a popular four-time champion nearing the end of his career, ended the duel on his third match point, appropriately with a lively backhand lob that McEuroe leaped for but couldn't

McEnroe, who has spoken of quitting the next year, showed moments of his former artistry and power but couldn't sustain it in the final set as Chang pulled out a 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (7-1) 2-6, 6-3 victory. More than 10,000 fans remained to the end at 1:28 a.m. Saturday, most hoping for a McEnroe miracle

McEnroe saved two match points on his serve in the eighth game of the final set, but Chang turned up the level of his play in the final game just as he did at crucial times earlier. Chang reeled off three aces in the last game and fought off two break points before nailing down the match his 13th winning lob.

"I don't ace much, but they come at the right time," said Chang, whose first ace of the third set came on the last point in the 12th game to set up a tiebreaker. Chang then smacked two more aces in the tiebreaker.

"I was afraid of missing my first serves, because John would be all over the second nnes," said Chang, who made only 29 unforced errors to McEnroe's 48 to carn a fourth-round meeting with Stefan Edberg.

For McEnroe, who played daringly at the net and repeatedly attacked Chang's serve, there was only the satisfaction of performing well against a highly ranked player. McEnroe, 32, said he would

probably quit playing tennis fulltime after one more year. Earlier in the day, Wimbledon Champion Michael Stich crumpled in a sopping heap in the courtside flower bed and looked

ready for burial

The searing sun beat down on his bare head and the 120-degree (49 C) court burned through his sneakers. A soaked handkerchief drooped around his neck. Across the net, Malivai Washington was doing deep knee bends after breaking Stich's serve to win the fourth set and tie the third-round

Stich pulled himself slowly out of the flowers, ambled over to the baseline, then did what all champions must. From some inner reserve, he got his serve going, resumed his dogged net attack, struck a few blazing foreheads and won 5-7. 7-5, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 in



Michael Chang

3½ hours. Then, almost unbelievably, he went out to play doubles three hours later, against the doctor's orders, after pumping himself up with fluids and getting his legs iced and massaged.

I was tired and everything was harting," Stieh said of the Washington match after winning the doubles.

Stich, who began the match with Washington about 12:30 p.m., finally finished his day of tennis at 8:45 p.m. after teaming with Udo Riglewski to beat Neil Borwick and Simon Youl 7-6) (7-2), 6-2.

It was a day of grneling marathons and upsets.

In another 31/2-hour duel, most of it in the shade of the grandstand, Dernick Rostagno won an unusual four-tiebreak match, 6-7 (2-7) 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-4) against Jokob Hlasek.

Edberg, the Nn. 2 seed, was stretched to nearly three bours by former doubles partner Jim Grabb before winning 7-6 (10-8), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. No. 5 Ivan Lendl also took about three hours to beat Todd Woodbridge 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Women's Nn. 5 seed Mary Joe Fernandez, a semifinalist last ear, fell 6-1, 6-2 to Radka Zrubakova, a 20-year-old from Czechoslovakia. No. 11 Katerina Maleeva lost 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 to Regina Rajchrtonva, another Czech. Jo Durie beat No. 15. Helena Sukova 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

Four other women's seeds had much easier time. No. 2 Monica Seles needed just 49 minutes to beat Sara Gomer 6-1, 6-4; No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini beat Gretchen Capriati beat Patricia Hy 6-1, 6-4; and No. 9 Jana Novotna beat Dominique Monami 6-1, 6-2. Seles said she has a cold, con-

gestion and foot blisters from the burning courts. "Tve never had so many blisters as from this tournament,"

Seles said. "The heat is very tough. Even Florida is not as bad. Here it is deadly. In that sun and heat, neither

Stich nor Washinton could be sure who would collapse first.

## HOROSCOPE FORECAST FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 1991 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

great a harmonious atmosphere where you can make headway towards those hopes and wishes that impel you to advance with others who have like tastes and interests to your own. Solve problems.

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no time and get busy there on. LERA: (September 23 to October 22) This is one of those days to be sure you enjoy yourself to the fullest so make early appointments through the day for chesished re-

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Take a good look at your residence and see if it is in such condition that you are able to gain the good will of your family by some thoughthdisess.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) A day to first attend to the studies of your choice after which you can certainly make headway with relatives, close com-

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Your interest in having more income is fine but you don't get it in full measure unless you are illing to add some modern comforts you your life.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Febraary 19) This is your day to stop worrying about others and to concentrate upon your own advance-ment of a social nature or where happiness with friend is concerned. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Let those unusual ideas and methods with which you have been coming in contact sink into your mind so you will be able use them when the occasion arises.

Birth Stone for May: Emerald.

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That steak you advised me to buy last week -

## turned out to be a burn steer!" JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lea Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. SMUNI

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Answer here:

Jumbles: LURID SCARY RARELY COOKIE

Answer: He was charged with "assault and bettery" on a cold rainy night but happy to find himself here—IN A DRY CELL.

## **Peanuts**



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NORTH

The bidding:
South West North East
1 0 2 4 3 7 Pass
5 0 Pass AKJ2 ◆ Pass 5 ◆ Pass
◆ Pass 5 ◆ Pass
◆ Pass Pass Pass
○ Pass Pass Pass
○ Upening lead: King of ◆
It's time for you to test your playing skill. Cover the East-West hands

♦ K 10 9 7 6 5

with your thumbs and decide how you would play six diamonds after the lead of the king of spades. West's weak two-spade overcall made life a bit difficult. However, South decided that North had to have at least two aces for the jump-preference to five diamonds, and

that made six diamonds a reason-

There are possible finesses in clubs and hearts, but we've put those in just to lead you down the primrose path. Sneaky, aren't we? Your best shot is simply to ruff two

clubs in dummy. Even that, though, requires some care. Suppose you win the ace of spades, cross to the ace of clubs and ruff a club. You can return to hand with the king of hearts and ruff anwith the king of hearts and ruff another chib. Now, however, when you lead the queen of trumps. East can grab the ace and give West a club ruff to defeat you by one trick.

As usual, once you've spotted the problem, the cure is easy to find. You must cash both the ace and king of chiba hefore you get at ruffing.

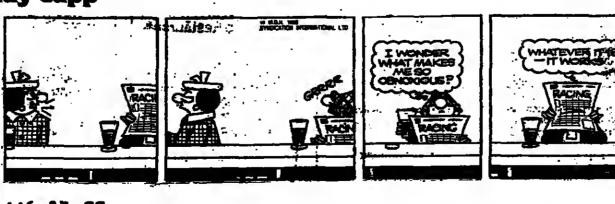
And since you have virtually all the key spots in trumps, you can take care to ruff the two clubs high, just in case. That line requires little more than a 3-1 trump break and

clubs no worse than 6-2.

This is a fairly common situation and is often misplayed. If you intend to ruff losers early with low trumps, it is only because you cannot afford to take high cards and then spend high trumps for ruffing. When that is not the problem, it is more often correct to cash your winners before



## **Andy Capp**



## Mutt'm'Jeff



## THE Daily Crossword by William Canine



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## Inflation in Albania exceeds 25 per cent

TIRANA (R) - Inflation is cur- inflation to accelerate following a rently running at more than 25 per cent in Albania where the government is trying to change from a Stalinist command eco-

nomy to a market system. The country's state bank has issued a new 100-lek (\$6.50) note, the first in Albania's history, reflecting the loss of value of the national currency. Albania's big-gest note was 50 leks (\$3.25). Economists expect Albanian

25 per cent increase in average

The wage hike was decided in July by the government to ease social tension.

According to the government's agreement with the trade unions, another 25 per cent rise in salaries is scheduled for this month,

which will fuel inflation further as

production has fallen in recent

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months, economists said.

## Moscow officials say communists hold millions of dollars abroad

liberal city leaders said Friday the accounts, and called on countries

to freeze party assests abroad. "Russian President Boris Yeltsin has written a decree which includes an appeal to governments of the world to give information about party assets abroad," Alexander Muzykantsky, administrator for central

Moscow, told a news conference. Moscow Mayor Gavrill Popov said party assets were also likely to be in bank accounts held by joint ventures established between foreign and Soviet Part-

City officials also said they had opened the first archives at the mmunist Party's central headquarters, sealed with the consent of President Mikhail Gorbachev, but gave no details of their con-

After a presidential confiscation order, local officials across mercial price, the value will be the Soviet Union have begun much higher." sealing Communist Party newspaper offices and finding new uses for party buildings. Mr. Gorbachev, angry over

party complicity in a putsch by hardliners, quit as communist leader on Aug. 24 and ordered fighting to take the communists the handover of party property to place.

But Moscow city officials stres-Communist Party had millions of sed they were not claiming direct dollars hidden in foreign bank ownership of the property, but

simply taking inventory.

Final ownership would be determined either by a law on nationalisation of party property or by its voluntary surrender to the city, they said.

Mr. Muzykantsky said party assets in the Soviet Union were estimated to be worth 5.4 billion roubles (\$3 billion at the commercial rate). Party publishing houses were valued at 3.4 billion roubles (\$1.8 billion).

A compound of buildings housing the Communist Party head-quarters was alone estimated to be worth one billion roubles (\$550 million).

"But all these figures are based on fixed state prices, and have nothing to do with real market Mr. Muzykantsky said. "Taking into account the commuch higher."

City officials said the buildings

could be used for public housing, hospitals and nursing homes.
Others could be turned into headquarters for the country's numerous new political parties now

## Judge approves plan for Greyhound Lines to avoid bankruptcy

HOUSTON (R) — Greyhound Lines Inc. cleared its last major hurdle to emerging from bankruptcy Friday when a jndge approved a reorganisation plan that calls for the only nationwide U.S. bus system to become a publicly owned company.

Under the plan, creditors will get 95 per cent of the company, with the remaining five per cent going to employees, Greyhound spokesman Bill Kula said. U.S. bankruptcy court jndge

Richard Schmidt in Corpus

arguments earlier this week. The reorganisation plan, he said, "provides for new management and new ownership and a far healthier employer.

listening to two days of legal

Greyhound President Frank Schmieder said he expects the new stock to be issued "by late September or late October," following approval from the Federal Securities and Exchange Com-

He also said be expected the Christi, Texas, gave his hlessing company to be profitable for the to the plan late Friday after rest of 1991.

## Japan has 5-point plan to restore confidence in markets

Minister announced Saturday he

Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told parliament that the scandals in which brokerage firms compensated favoured clients for investment losses have not only undermined general investor trust in the market but also created a widespread sense of

"unfairness" among the public.
"I really regret that," he said. He told a lower house special panel set up to investigate the scandals that the ministry has devised a plan to help ensure the integrity of Japan's markets.

The plan would aim to improve the transparency of the securities markets, reinforce inspection and supervisory systems, emphasise the principle of investor responsi-bility, review administrative reg-ulations and impose stiffer penalties on transgressors. He did not

elaborate. Mr. Hashimoto said an increasing number of critics were demanding that those investors who were improperly compensated for investment losses by brokerages should return the funds they received in compensation.

"But we have no authority to get them to do this... it's not possible under the current legal

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TOKYO (R) - Janan's Finance framework," he said.

Improving the integrity of the has drawn up a five-point plan to nation's securities markets based belp restore confidence in the on the five-point programme PARIS (R) - The French eco- ployment rate from rising, dehelp restore confidence in the on the five-point programme country's scandal-ridden financial would be the best way of renomy should start growing again spite expanded job-creation prog-soon after a marked slowdown rammes." recover by the end of 1991. to these criticisms demands, Mr. Hashimoto said.

> The ministry has already pledged to review the present securities exchange law.

Separately, chairman nf. Japan's Fair Trade Commission, Setsuo Umezawa, told parlia-ment Saturday that investment loss compensation by brokerage. houses to favoured clients may constitute an unfair trading practice under Japan's anti-monopoly

But Mr. Umezawa said that because securities firms are under direct supervision of the ministry of finance, the ministry should be primarily responsible for the

Referring to the planned creation of a supervisory system over domestic financial markets, Mr. Hashimoto said it was necessary to set up a system that could oversee both the securities and banking markets because the two were becoming more interwoven.

Public televisinn NHK reported that Mr. Hashimoto pledged to tighten controls on non-bank financial institutions.

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5-year plan fails

## **U.N.** chief wants African debt cancelled, aid increased

UNITED NATIONS (R) — and reallocate government funds. down and reduced Africa faces a crisis of "tragic proportions" and wealthy nations should cancel the continent's rising debts and increase their aid, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has said.

Five years after U.N. members promised to revive Africa's devastated economies, he said the continent could never develop under a debt burden of \$270 billion and cited a shortage of international aid and a fall in commodities prices.

In a major report on the U.N. Africa recovery programme, he proposed that rich nations cancel official debt, as was done for Egypt and Poland, and boost their assistance.

"By the end of 1990, it had become evident that the African ecnnnmie crisis had indeed deepened...," he said. "On June 1, 1986, the U.N. General Assembly adopted a five-year programme which was seen as anations to supply resources for

The report said resources fell many restructuring programmes were half-hearted and short- ence on primary commodities. sighteu. It was prepared for a review of the programme in tries depend on commodities for

Sept. 3 to 13. Mr. Perez de Cuellar proposed that the assembly now set concrete targets rather than general goals. These include:

— Doubling per capita income by the year 2015, entailing a six per cent annual economic growth rate. Even then annual income would still be only about \$700 in most nations.

— Increasing aid to \$30 bilbou by 1992 from \$21 billion in 1989 and continuing to raise it by four per cent annually until the year 2000.

— Taking "bold" measures to reduce Africa's debt, which in 1990 cost at least \$23 billion to service. This includes cancelling watershed in committing wealthy official government debt and semi-official export credits and development. In turn, African reducing debt owed to multilaternations promised to restructure al institutions. Private commertheir economies, reduce waste cial debt should also be written

- Setting up an African diverfar short of what was needed and sification fund for technical assist-

Nine out of 10 African coun-General Assembly sessions from 70 per cent or more of their exports, compared with seven out of 10 in Latin America and five out of 10 in Asia.

Only six African countries -Gahon, Ghana, Mauritius, Morocco, Sierre Leone and Tunisia - have significantly reduced this dependence since 1986, the report said.

Reviewing the past five years, Mr. Perez de Cuellar said the increased resources that wealthy nations agreed to supply in 1986 did not materialise and real net flows of funds actually fell from \$24.6 billion in 1986 to \$23.3 billion in 1990.

Despite numerous initiatives and important moves towards democratisation, he said, restructuring by African governments often suffered from political instability, military conflicts and ineffective policies to mubilise

In addition, many African nations, spurred on by rich countries, focused on short-term measures such as foreign exchange earnings and diversification rather than health, education and employment so that "human conditions worsened "considerably,"

the report said. As a result, many who could leave did so. The report cited an alarming brain drain of 50,000 to 60,000 highly-qualified Africans who left the continent since 1986.

## **Kuwait expects higher oil** production, exports this month

AHMADI, Knwait (R) -Kuwait, bouncing back from Gulf war devastation, said Saturday it would export more crude next week and expected oil production

to climb in September.

"The end of this year we are talking about 100,000 barrels per day (b/p), Oil Minister Hamoud Abdulla Al Raqba, said. "Hopefully by July 1992 we will produce close to 800,000 b/d."

He said Kuwait's current production of 170,000 b/d would increase by about 10,000 b/d by mid-September. Before the war it could produce up to two million b/d. Sheikh Raqba was talking to reporters at a ceremony marking the reopening of the Ahmadi refinery, the biggest in Kuwait, which resumed operations Tuesday for the first time since Iraq's

since mid-1990, but it will not be

enough to stem rising unemploy-

The Oganisation for Economic

Cooperation and Development

(OECD) forecast in its half-

yearly econnmic nutlook that

French gross domestic product (GDP) would grow by 1.4 per cent in 1991, rising to 2.7 per cent

But the the Paris-based econo-

mic think-tank added: "Such an

outlook for GDP growth is not

sufficient to generate enough em-

ployment to prevent the unem-

in 1992.

ment, the OECD has said.

invasion in August last year.

week, the third such shipment in

He said the emirte had stockpiled two million barrels for ex-

Sheikh Raqba said the initial output of 110,000 b/d at Mina Al Ahmadi refinery will enable Kuwait to stop importing almost all refined products, including petrol and fuel for power and desalination plants.

But officials at the refinery, which had a capacity of 370,000 b/d before the Iraqi invasion, said Kuwait would still have to import small quantities of petrol.

**OECD** sees unemployment

By 1992, it could reach 9.75

per cent, about one (percentage)

reached a record 2,688,900, or

9.5 per cent of the workforce by the labour ministry's calculation.

the OECD was that slack in the

labour market would help limit

wage rises which, with a cyclical

rise in productivity, would help

reduce cost pressures in industry.

This would also allow a substan-

tial recovery in company profits.

in 1990," it said.

point above the lowest level seen

Unemployment in May

The reverse side of the coin for

heading up in France

He said one million barrels of unit number 4. Two other units. crude would be exported to either put nut of action during the war, the United States or Japan in next are due to go on stream in June next year. Iraqi soldiers barricaded

themselves inside the refinery south of Kuwait City during the war. The refinery was badly damaged in fighting between the U.S.-led allies and the Iraqis.

Kuwait, a major exporter of refined products before the invasion, will resume exports in December when Mina Al Abdullah refinery opens with a daily capacity of 100,000 barrels.

Mina Al Abdullah had a preinvasinn capacity of 200,000 b/d. Its main control room was packed with explosives and blown up hy Iraqi soldiers as the allies adv-Output from Ahmadi is being anced in February.

Investment was also likely to

The 24-nation OECD released

a full country report about France

in June and, structural problems

in the labour market aside it

generally regards the economy as

It doubted the government

latest report was drawn up.

## 'The mood for gold is down'

disappointed by the metal's dull performance during the Soviet crisis and worried by speculation about possible sales by Moscow, unloaded bullion heavily.

European dealers and precious metal analysts said they saw little reason to buy gold, adding it might keep on falling.

Prices surged to \$365 an ounce

in the first hours of last month's failed Soviet putsch, but tumbled to an afternoon fixing in London on Friday of \$347.40, its lowest afternoon setting since June 14,

"There is general professional pessimism about the precious metals, the mood is down," a

Andy Smith, analyst with Swiss bank UBS, said most of the fall was due to dealers selling gold for future delivery in the hope of being able to buy later at lower prices to fulfill the contracts.

haven in times of crisis, failed to live up to its reputation during the Gulf crisis and the abortive Soviet coup.

concern about rising oil prices, inflation and the U.S. hostage

would reach its budget deficit target this year, but its worries Also overhanging the market about a deficit in the social security budget have been answered by measures including higher contribution announced after the coming weeks.

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# LONDON (R) — Gold prices hit a 14 month low Friday as dealers,

London bullion dealer said.

Gold, once considered a safe

It hit \$859 an ounce in 1980 on

crisis in Tehran.

Friday was the fear that up to 250 tonnes of gold held in the West by the Soviet Union could be sold in

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## More deaths reported in fresh upsurge of fighting in Croatia

BELGRADE (R) — At least two people were reported killed Saturday in a new upsurge of fighting in the besieged Croatian town of Vukovar.

Yogoslav News Agency, Tan-jug, quoting Zagreb Radio, said two died and 14 were wounded. The Croatian News Agency, HINA, reported three killed and

HINA said Croatian militiamen trapped in the town by army units and Serb guerrillas beld their ground in a fierce overnight attack by land and from gunboats on the Danube River.

The violence flared again as deadlines approached for the warring sides in Yugoslavia's ethnic conflict to agree to peace talks and for the federal army to

stop taking part in the fighting. Officials in Vukovar, cut off and without water or electricity, could not be reached to comment on the agency reports, which did rot identify the casualties. Belgrade Radio said the town was quiet later Saturday morning.

Some 200 mortar bombs fell on one part of Vukovar, which has been under heavy bombardment for almost a week, HINA said. It said four army tanks were destroyed, two were damaged when they drove over mines and others were stopped at approaches to the town.

Zagreb Radio said a policeman was killed and five civilians were injured in a mortar attack on the village of Korodj between Vukovar and Osijek, where officials

COLOMBO (AP) — President

impeachment proceedings and a

deepening political crisis, accepted the resignations Satur-

day of three members of his

One of the three who quit accused Mr. Premadasa of with-

drawing his security guards and placing political rivals under gov-

"My six personal bodyguards

were removed last night and after

complaining, two bodyguards were returned," former Educa-

tion Minister Lalith Athulath-

mudali told a news conference.

another five defectors from the

governing United National Party

were placed under surveillance.

Mr. Premadasa and posters sup-

Meanwhile, photograhps of

Mr. Athulathmudali said

ernment surveillance.

denied reports of heavy overnight peace but of escalation and we

The European Community has set a Sunday deadline for all sides to agree to allow impartial ceasefire monitors into Croatia and to peace talks.

The EC firmly blames Yugoslavia's largest republic Serbia for continuing the fighting in which more than 300 people have died since Croatia declared independence two month ago.

The federal government, Croatia and three other republics have accepted the EC proposals. Serbia, which rejects the charges against it, has yet to announce its

Another deadline, set by Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, was due to expire Saturday night.

He has demanded that the army, which has been fighting increasingly openly on the side of Serb guerrillas, must pull back to barracks by the end of August or be considered an army of occupation in his rebublic.

Mr. Tudjman Saturday chaired a session of the Croatian government, which has threatened general mobilisation if his demands are not met.

Federal commanders in the Croatian capital Zagreb told a news conference Saturday they were not cowed by such threats and said even greater violence could follow.

"If there is a decision about " mobilisation, this means that came from Uganda and its cargo Croatian policy is one not of was listed as "technical equip-

in Colombo appeals to "protect

the president who is elected by

The crisis broke last week with

a petition signed by more than

half the 225-member parliament charging Mr. Premadasa with

wiretapping, intimidation and us-

ing police-state tactics against

political opponents. It also ac-

cused him of bribery, corruption,

Mr. Premadasa has denied

The two other ministers who

resigned are Deputy Minister for

Labour and Vocational Training

Lakshman Seneviratne and

Labour Minister G.M. Pre-

The move was a blow to Mr.

Premadasa because the two

ministers bad joined other

cabinet members Wednesday in

3 top Sri Lankan officials resign

the people."

and pepotism.

will not act as we did in Slovenia where we did not respond with adequate force," Major General Milan Aksentijevic said.

Slovenia declared independence simultaneously with its neighbour Croatia on June 25. The army was subsequently routed and is in the process of pulling out of Slovenia.

"We're prepared for peace but if the other side wants war, what can we do?" asked Gen. Aksen-

General Ivan Stima: said the army "will return to barracks if the competent anthorites order

Yugoslavia's deeply divided collective presidency is the army's supreme commander and is deadlocked over whether to take any action. President Stipe Mesic said earlier this week the army was acting independently of its sup-posed political masters.

Zagreb Airport was closed for a time Saturday, local officials said, after the Yugoslav Air Force forced two planes suspected on involvement in arms

smugpling to land there.

A Boeing 707 belonging to Uganda Airlines was found to contain 19 tonnes of weapons, including Singapore-made Star 80 rifles, mines and ammunition,

It quoted air traffic controllers in Zagreb as saying the plane

Mr. Premadasa issued an edict

delaying the next session of par-

liament by three weeks until

Sept. 24, apparently to gain time

to halt the steamroller moving

submitted to speaker Mohammad

Haniffa Mohammad Wednesday,

was backed by at least 40 mem-

bers of Mr. Premadasa's United

National Party. The ruling party

controls 125 of parliament's 224

Parliament needs a two-thirds

majority to impeach the presi-

dent. The charges are then sub-

mitted to the Supreme Court,

which investigates the allegations and reports back to parliament.

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Once removed, the pre-

could face charges in a criminal

from office.

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A Tupolev 154 of the Romanian Airline Tarom with 20 people on board was also made to land for inspection. The passengers were suspected of being flight crews for military transport planes bringing arms to Yugoslavia but were later released. Tan-

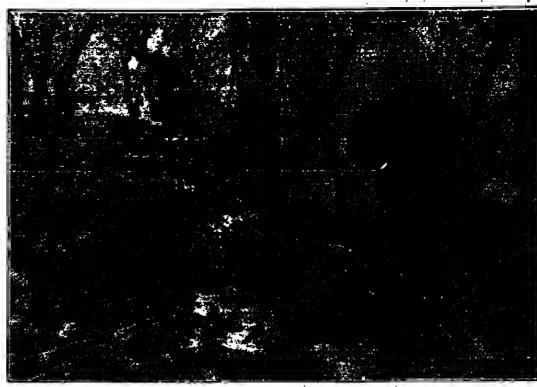
It said both planes were heading for the airport of the Slove-nian capital Ljubljana when the air force intercepted them.

Bulgaria has warned Belgrade that attempts to create a large Serbian state could lead to destabilisation of their common border, and said it would take a "more active stand" towards the situation in Yugosalvia.

A Foreign Ministry statement issued overnight by the Balgaria News Agency (BIA) said Sofia was watching events in its western neighbour with growing concern and there was a danger that the conflict between Serbia and Croatia could spread to other republics.

"(Serbia's) overt intentions to inge borders and redistribute territory to implement the idea of all Serbs in one state are extremedange ... yus," the statement

"As a neighbouring country Bulgaria has the right to react in eccordance with the development of the situation especially when facing threats of military conflicts acent Serbia and Macedo-



Croatian National Guardanea prepare to repel an attack by Serbian guerrilles supported by the Yugoslav army outside the town of Belle.

## Poland's Solidarity government wins clash with ex-Communists

WARSAW (R) - Poland's Soli- 40-year-old prime minister plandarity government survived a ned to ask the Seim for special tense parliamentary confronta- powers to facilitate its rule but tion with ex-Communists Satur- gave no details. day when parliament refused to

accept its resignation. The vote strengthened the gov-ernment of Prime Minister Jan called Friday for the government Krzvsztof Bielecki and eased a to be given limited powers to three-day stand-off that had threatened Poland with its worst political crisis since the overthrow of communism in 1989.

political instability in the run-up to the country's first fully free post-war parliamentary elections

but said serious issues raised by

house) overwhelming rejection of the government's resignation by 211 to 114 with 28 abstentions opened up a new political situa-

But the government is still facing a crisis over its real ability to exercise power and the cabinet will quickly present proposals to parliament to make its actions more effective. Mr. Bielecki said

pro-government politicians and the Solidarity-dominated Senate issue economic decrees to keep up the momentum of free market

The source said an announcement on the government's proposals would be made later Satur day and the cabinet would hold a special meeting Sanday to approve them.

ment's shock resignation Friday after many deputies criticised its tough, free market economic policies during a budget debate and indicated they would not approve large spending cuts it proposed.

Ex-Communists tabled a resolution for Mr. Bielecki's dismissal during the debate.

This is all about the govenment's real ability to take decisions," Mr. Bielecki told the house Friday.

The government's fate hung in the balance overnight after many nore effective, Mr. Bielecki said parliamentary groups indicated they would support his removal.

A government source said the

reach a compromise agreement. Government supporters took the unusual step Saturday of demanding and getting a named vote — with each deputy handing in a signed voting slip — in a bid to prevent desertions by Solidar-

The ex-Communists withdrew their motion to dismiss Mr. Bielecki after the house rejected his resignation.

Cube attacks Bielecki

ity supporters.

Meanwhile Cuban state radio Friday attacked Bielecki saying his touch economic policies were a strange way of showing solidar-ity to Poland's people.

"Before becoming prime nister, Jan Krzysztof Bielecki was a businessman and now he's treating the country the way he used to treat his company. He sacks workers, dowers salaries, raises prices and seeks more and more profits," Cuba's state-run Radio Rebelde said in a commen-

showing solidarity," the radic concluded sarcastically.

The acerbic commentary reflected the currently cool relations between Communist-Ruled Cuba and previously Com

## porting him appeared overnight supporting him. Japan, N. Korea resume talks after dispute over woman

PEKING (R) — Japan and North police in 1988. Korea resumed normalisation

The Japanese want the North Koreans to investigate the case of Yacko Taguchi, a Japanese bar hostess and mother of two who disappeared in 1978.

The two sides deadlocked for nearly two days but official talks began late Saturday when the North Koreans agreed to discuss the issue at another time, a Japanese embassy official said. North Korean negotiators said

they had not promised to investigate the case because the woman did not exist. "She does not exist for us,"

Ro told reporters. "Our principled position remains nn-

Kim said the woman trained talks Saturday after haggling over a missing woman who Tokyo charged was kidnapped to train a Foreign Ministry source told saboteur involved in the bombing Reuters earlier this year the woman was believed dead.

North Korea has repeatedly denied any connection to Kim or the 1987 bombing of a South Korean airliner. Kim and a male North Korean

agent posing as Japanese tourists planted a bomb on a Korean Airlines Boeing 707 in November, 1987, just mouths before the Seoul Olympic Games.

The two left the plane, bound for Seoul from Baghdad, in Bahrain. It blew up over Burma, killing all 115 people aboard.

In Bahrain, Kim's companion committed suicide by swallowing

North Korean official Lee Sam cyanide to escape arrest. Kim, who attempted to kill herself too, was arrested and sent to Scoul. She was sentenced to death in

April 1989 but the sentence was was merely a pawn of commun

## The woman was forced to help self-confessed North Korean spy commuted. South Korean su-Kim Hyung-Hui build a false thorities released her, saying she identity as a Japanese, according was merely a to testimony Kim gave Seoul North Korea.

## 4 die, 6 trapped as building collapses in Philippines MANILA (R) - Four construc- ing in the Makati financial distion workers were killed and six tric

others were believed trapped inside a building that collapsed while being demolished in the Philippine capital Saturday, police and rescue workers said.

Teams used cranes and other.

ped underneath talking to each other, assuring each other they were all right," a rescuer said in a radio interview.

The bodies of the four dead heavy equipment to lift concrete workers have yet to be retrieved slabs and beams in order to free from under thick piles of conmen trapped under the rubble of crete, rescuers said. Six other the nine-storey commercial build- men were injured in the collapse.

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## **Authorities** storm U.S. prison, free hostages

TALLADEGA, Alabama (AP)
—Cuban inmetos who hold a part of a prison under seige for more than a week had randomly chosen three of their nine hostages to kill before a SWAT team stormed the unit to rescue them, prison offi-

Roger F. Scott, Warden of the Talladega Federal Correctional Institution, said authorities decided to storm the prison after information from "multiple sources" indicated the immetes plenned to kill some hostages.

Early Friday, in only three minutes, an FRI assent team

used explosives to blow open the doors of the prison's maximum-security "Alphe" Unit, seized 121 Cubes immetes and freed nine hostages held since Aug. 21,

None of the houtages was hurt, and only one immate suffered a minor injury, federal officials

The Cubans, who left their homeland along with 125,000 others in the 1980 boatlift from Mariel harbour, are under deportation orders for committing crimes in the United States.

Thirty-two of the 121 in the unit were to be deported the day after the uprising began. Some inmates said they would rather die than return to their home-

the U.S. Immigration and Naturalisation Service, said Friday that the 32 would be flown to Cuba Saturday.

"We could not make concessions to terrorists holding hostages — to do so would put the thousands of dedicated professionals working in our prisons at constant risk," Acting Attorney General William Barr said Pri-

Similar sieges occurred in 1987 at federal prisons in Atlanta and Oakdale, after a new round of deportations was announced. | contribute towards an early poli-

## U.S. concerned over jailed Chinese dissidents

ited States is concerned and disturbed over the treatment of two Chinese dissidents jailed for their role in the pro-democracy demonstrations at Tiananmen sere, the State Department

Three members of the U.S.

We wish to state our deep Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming, who are imprisoned in the Peo ple's Republic of China for no other apparent reason than that they have peacefully expressed their political views," State De-partment spokesman Richard Boucher said in a statement.

Democratic Representatives Nancy Pelosi of California and Ben Jones of Georgia and Re-

Newton, Massachusetts-based Democracy For China Fund, founded by dissident Shen Tong, a leader of the June 1990 uprising

Mr. Chen, who have been described as emaciated and suffering from various illnesses, includ-ing rathes, chest pains, stomach infections and over the stomach ctions and open sores.

# WASHINGTON (R) - The Un-

House of Representatives mean-while left for Peking to lead a delegation that hopes to visit the siled dissidents, organisers of the

publican John Miller of Washington state are leading the nine-member delegation due in Pek-ing's on Sept. 2.

The trip was sponsored by the

The group will seek meetings with government officials and hopes to see both Mr. Wang and

Mr. Wang has been diagnosed as suffering from hepatitis.

Mr. Boucher said reports of the ent of the dissidents are

President Lech Waless, other

It removed the prospect of a period of weak government and

set for Oct. 27. Bielecki expressed surprise at the broad margin of his victory the confrontation still had to be

new Now at French Socialists PARIS (AP) — Letters purporting to show that the governing Mr. Socialist Party received funds terran · Mr. Nallet, who was Mr. Mit-

Alleged Noriega link strikes

threaten new scandal for President François Mitterrand's beleaguered party.
Justice Minister Henri Nallet has ordered an investigation into newspaper reports that the Socialists may have received courts on drug-trafficking financing for Mr. Mitterrand's charges, could fuel the conservative opposition when parliament

Pranco-Panamanian commercial contract. "This affair appears bizarre, to say the least," Mr. Nallet commented Friday, a day after order-ing the probe. "What seems essential to me is to establish the

anthenticity of the document." The hint of fresh scandal follows a year of mounting allegations that Mr. Mitterrand's reelection was funded by illegal payoffs from French construction cials surfaced Tuesday firms in exchange for public con-

terrand's campaign treasurer, and from Gen. Manuel Noriega's other government officials have Panamanian government come under beavy criticism for quashing investigations by police and prosecutors into the funding.

The possible Socialist links to Gen. Noriega, who was toppled in a U.S. invasion in December 1989 and awaits trial in U.S. reconvenes on Oct. 2.

Opposition leaders have already signalled that they intend to prepare for the legislative elections in 1993 by attacking the Socialists early, often and hard. They view polls showing public disillusionment with alleged Socialist corruption as a key

The alleged links between the Socialists and Gen. Noriega officials surfaced Tuesday in the

ported from Panama that a university professor and Geu. Noriega opponent named Miguel Antonio Bernal showed her two letters hinting at links between Panamanian officials and the French Socialists. One, dated April 25 1984 and written on letterhead from Gen.

Journalist Edwy Plenel re-

Noriega's office, confirmed interest in a "financial protocol proposed by the French govern-Projects listed included the purchase of telecommunications equipment, 200 hospital beds,

and super Puma military helicop-The second, dated May 18 1987, was marked confidential and addressed to Odilio Gon-

The letter was printed on French embassy stationery and carried the purported signature of Patrick Simon, a commercial counsellor at the embassy.

## Vietnam welcomes Cambodia peace progress, Sihanouk visit

HANOI (R) - Vietnam has welcomed an agreement by the Cambodian factions to disband most of their armies prior to U.N.-supervised elections, saying it would help bring peace to the

Hanoi's Foreign Ministry said. in a statement in local newspapers that the deal struck by the Cambodian government and the Khmer Rouge-led guerrilla alliance would pave the way for a resumption of international peace talks in Paris.

"Vietnam acclaims the results of the latest SNC meeting in Pattaya and regards them as the correct. course towards a political solution to the Cambodian issue in the interest of peace, stability, friendship and cooperation in this region and the world," the state-It said Vietnam would respect

any decision on a settlement by the SNC, a Supreme National Council comprising representa-tives from Phnom Penh and three guerrilla groups opposing the government.

"It (Vietnam) will continue to

tical solution, a just and reasonable one, to the Cambodian problem," the statement said.

Phnom Penh and its guerrilla opponents agreed at four days of talks in the Thai resort of Pattaya this week to cut their troops strengths by 70 per cent, with the remainder handing over their weapons to U.N. personnel and staying in camps.

Bargaining on two deadlocked issues — what electoral system they should adopt and a Khmer Rouge demand that the Interior Ministry's elite police force disband - was put aside until the SNC meets again in October.

Government officials and foreisn diolomats in Hanoi said pri-

vately that plans by the former Cambodian ruler, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, to visit Hanoi later this year was another important sign of lessening tension in Indochina. Prince Sihanouk told reporters Friday in Pattaya that he

accepted an invitation by Vietnam to visit in December. The invitation was extended Friday by Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Dy

Nica on behalf of President Vo ousted the Khmer Rouge, under Chi Cong, Hanoi newspapers re-

Before becoming chairman of the SNC, Prince Sihanouk served for years as formal head of the Chinese- and Western-backed guerrilla coalition that fought against Phnom Penh's pro-Vietnamese government. "From an enemy to a friend.

That's a turning point," one Viet-namese government official told Reuters of Prince Sihanouk's planned trip, asking not to be identified. One Asian diplomat said the planned visit heralded a new cra of peaceful coexistence in In-

dochina, which has known little peace since the 1940s. A Western diplomat said Sihanouk's trip to Hanoi would help Victnam show the world it was contributing to peace in Cambo-dia, which it invaded in 1978

'government. "It's one more sign. No one can deny that Vietnam has played a key role in this (peace process)," he said. In 1979 vietnamese troops

to overthrow a Khmer Rouge

whose four-year rule more than one million Cambodians died. Hanoi became an international outcast for its action. It was economically and politically isolated by a U.S.-led Western trade embargo meant to force a Viet-

Hanoi pulled its troops out in 1989, but the United States and some other Western countries continued to say Vietnam was not doing enough to end the civil war. Hanoi's Communists were ideological comrades of the more radical leftist Khmer Rouge until their rift in the mid-1970s.

namese withdrawal from Cambo-

Dipomats in Hanoi say Vietnam has recently accepted a loss of influence over the Cambodian government to make friends with China, its giant Communist

neighbour to the north.

The five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council -Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States --- said Friday the Cambodians should sign a final agreement on disamement and elec-tions in Paris in October.

### Money doesn't grow on trees but opposite may be true

LONDON (R) - The adage that money doesn't grow on trust could be stood on its headby plan at the Bank of England to use old bank notes to make garden compost. Compost maker Strart Goldie said an official of Brita central bank had asked him to mix old notes with farm man and other materials to see whether the redundant cash could be used to belp plants to grow. thought he was kidding until he went into details about their problem disposing of old bank notes," Mr. Goldie, from Middiesbrough in northeastern Eng-land, said. The Bank of England shreds 2,000 tonnes of old notes, with a face value of billions of pounds, every year. But it says there is now a shortage of hand fill disposal sites.

### Kennedy appears

### rape case grand Jury probe

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (R) — U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy appeared as a witness before a Florida grand jury investigating possible obstruction of justice in the rape case of his nephew, William Kennedy Smith. "Senator Kennedy came as a witness. He is not a target ar subject of the investigation," secutor David Bludworth said. He would not elaborate on secret grand jury proceedings. Mr. Smith, who has pleaded innocent, goes on trial in January on charges of raping a woman at the Kennedy family's Palm Beach compound on March 30. The grand jury is trying to determine whether anyone at the Kennedy estate intentionally misled police as they opened the rape investigation. In brief remarks to reporters outside the courtroom, Sen. Kennedy said he willingly cooperated with the panel "When Mr. Bludworth's office called, I indicated I'd be glad to do it," Sen. Kennedy said. "We were invited to participate in the proceedings. We hope to have as timely a conclusion as we cati," he added. "We answered all the questions of the grand jury, he is cooperating in every way possible with Palm Beach authorities the senator's press secretary, Part

### Baby whale loses struggie to survive

MONTREAL (R) - A twoweek-old baby whale whose struggle to survive captured the imagination of Quebecers after it was washed up on a river bank died Friday. The baby whate, washed up near the month of Canada's St. Lawrence River 11 days ago, was flown to the Quebec City Aquarium, which spared no effort to save him. "Fill state deteriorated suddenly," said Quebec Fisheries Ministry. spokesman Guy Baillargeon. It was very difficult for the newborn to survive without his mothers.
The beluga whale, nicknamed Bob, received constant caute Animal handlers swarm round the clock with him to keep him court pany and ensure that he stayed affoat to breathe. The entire posvince tracked Bob's progression the aquarium issued daily updates on his health, his weight and his

### John F. Kennedy Jr wins first trial as prosecutor NEW YORK (R) - John F.

Kennedy Jr. won a conviction

Thursday in his first trial as view assistant district attorney. "win-ning is better than losing." Mr. Kennedy said after the jury returned a guilty verdict in the burglary case. The late presi-dent's 30-old son admitted he was nervous during the weeklong trial. The jury convicted David Ramos, 33, of burglarising a woman's Manhattan apertme last Nov. 1. According to test mony, the woman came house from work and found him sales on her bed, his pockets stuffed with her jewelry. Mr. Ramis faces up to 15 years in pristing when sentenced on Sept. 19-19acting State Supreme Court Ju tice Frederic S. Berman. 78 judges often do at a trial's colla Judge Berman praised Mr. Killinedy and Defence Attorney Joseph Lavine for their "profe sichal manner" in court. Kennedy, who took the bar extra three times before passing jointal the Manhattan District Attest nev's office two years ago:

